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## AFTER 23 YEARS.

INTERPORT SPORTSMAN RETIRES.  
INTERESTING MEMORIES.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird's Parting "Hat Trick."

Representing the Colony at cricket for 18 years and taking a keen interest in all local educational matters for 23 years, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, who leaves Hongkong on Tuesday, is able to look back on considerable development in both of these useful spheres.

Mr. Bird's deadly left hand swing has not been at the service



Mr. R. E. O. Bird.

of Hongkong since 1920, although the familiar figure and action were occasionally to be discerned in Club matches or net practice. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Bird finished his interport career in what might well be termed a "blaze of glory," as he performed a memorable hat-trick in the last such contest in which he participated.

There had been just the same enthusiasm in cricket in the "old days" as there was now, although the numbers of those participating had increased greatly. Mr. Bird told a "China Mail" representative who interviewed him yesterday. He had seen the birth of the League cricket movement here and he was of the opinion that it had tended to brighten up the game and added to its popularity.

Another phase of sport in which Mr. Bird has played his part is that of its development in the schools of the Colony which he has had opportunity of observing and fostering whilst discharging his duties as master at Queen's College, to which post he was appointed in 1902, and as head of Ellis Kadoorie School since it was taken over by the Government in 1915. This he regards as an important development as an aid to the formation of character in the boys and he looks forward to the time when the need can be met more fully by the provision of sports grounds. At present volleyball is the game that has to be concentrated on most for the simple reason that it may be played in a limited space.

The manner in which swimming had been taken up by Chinese boys since his early days in the Colony Mr. Bird could only term as remarkable. Then the boys had not been free from the superstition of some of the old time sailors and a few sampan people to-day against learning to swim. Now, at a rough estimate, he would say that 75 per cent. of the boys at Ellis Kadoorie could swim and the proportion he believed was almost as high at other schools.

When reminded of a book of dialogues which he had published for teaching purposes and asked if he had found it useful as a means of teaching Chinese youths English, Mr. Bird replied that the boys had taken to it enthusiastically and with success, as it had served a double purpose in enabling them to make use of their undoubted national gift of acting. Another unique method of helping the younger scholars in their pronunciation of English at the Ellis Kadoorie School is that of teaching them simple songs, this probably being the only school which affords opportunity for musical instruction.

He did not intend to sever all

ANSWERS TO CORRE-  
SPONDENTS

Reginald Jones.—The height of Victoria Peak is 1828 feet.

connection with cricket when he settled down at Home, said Mr. Bird in reply to the "China Mail" man's query, although he would not actively participate in the game. It was his and Mrs. Bird's intention to settle down "somewhere in the South, probably in Sussex," if, as Mrs. Bird remarked with a smile, "we can get a house and weather the winter."

(Mrs. Bird before her marriage, it will be recalled, was Miss Clarke, head mistress of the Belilios Girls' School.)

## CABINET SURPRISE.

FRANCE'S POLITICAL WHIRLIGIG.

CAILLAUX'S POSITION.

(Router's Service.)

Paris, April 17.—There is much conjecture regarding the possibilities of the new Cabinet in which M. Caillaux's association with M. Briand is only as remarkable as his leap back to power.

It is noteworthy that the franc has strengthened. This is interpreted as a renewal of confidence, at home and abroad.

Party opinion expressed in respective newspapers can thus be summed up. The Extreme Right is inexorably condemnatory. The Moderates are sceptical but not intolerant. The Right Wing and Left Bloc are sanguine. The Left

## CAPTAIN'S RIGHTS.

IMPORTANT HONGKONG DECISION.

THE EYESIGHT CASE.

Judgment Against Shipping Company.

Judgment was given in favour of Captain Kettlewell in the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice holding that he had been wrongfully dismissed by the China Navigation Company.

Matters arising out of the claim and affecting to a considerable extent the position of Mercantile Marine officers were also dealt with in the judgment which took three quarters of an hour to read. Following are the main points, found by His Lordship.

That the defendants had, prior to the dismissal of the plaintiff, been satisfied with the certificate of competency of the Board of Trade in engaging officers.

That, if plaintiff had passed the Board of Trade examination which he was asked to undergo

when he was "up" for promotion he would have been appointed at once to the command, and nothing further had been done in the way of testing his power of vision.

Dr. Harston had stated that defendant "did not come up to the standard of vision required by the defendant company" but there would not appear to have been any standard of vision laid down by the defendant company at the time of Dr. Harston's examination.

The onus of satisfying His Lordship that plaintiff's eyes were so defective as to render him unfit to take charge of a ship's bridge was upon the defendants and in His Lordship's opinion they had not discharged that onus. His finding on this issue, therefore, must be for the plaintiff.

Captain Anderson's evidence had been that of a practical seaman and he gave good practical reasons for the opinion he expressed that the plaintiff was thoroughly competent to perform the duties of a bridge officer.

The four medical gentlemen called as witnesses differed in the results gained from Shellen's test and His Lordship saw no grounds on which he should accept Dr. Harston's results in preference to those of Drs. Aubrey and Bellios. Plaintiff's claim for three months' salary was allowed with reductions by the amounts earned by him during after-employment within that period.

Plaintiff's claim for \$1,500 which he would have drawn if he had been granted six months' leave on full salary (as plaintiff contended he should have had after five years' completed service with the defendants) was not allowed. His Lordship holding that the condition of Home leave was that an officer should continue in defendants' service.

On the same grounds, the plaintiff's claim for cost of passage to England was also held to fail; and on the ground that there was no express contract on the part of the defendants to continue plaintiff's employment so as to enable him to earn a pension, the claim for compensation for loss of five years' service towards the earning of this pension was also held to fail; also the claim for loss of benefit to his health which would have resulted from his going Home on leave.

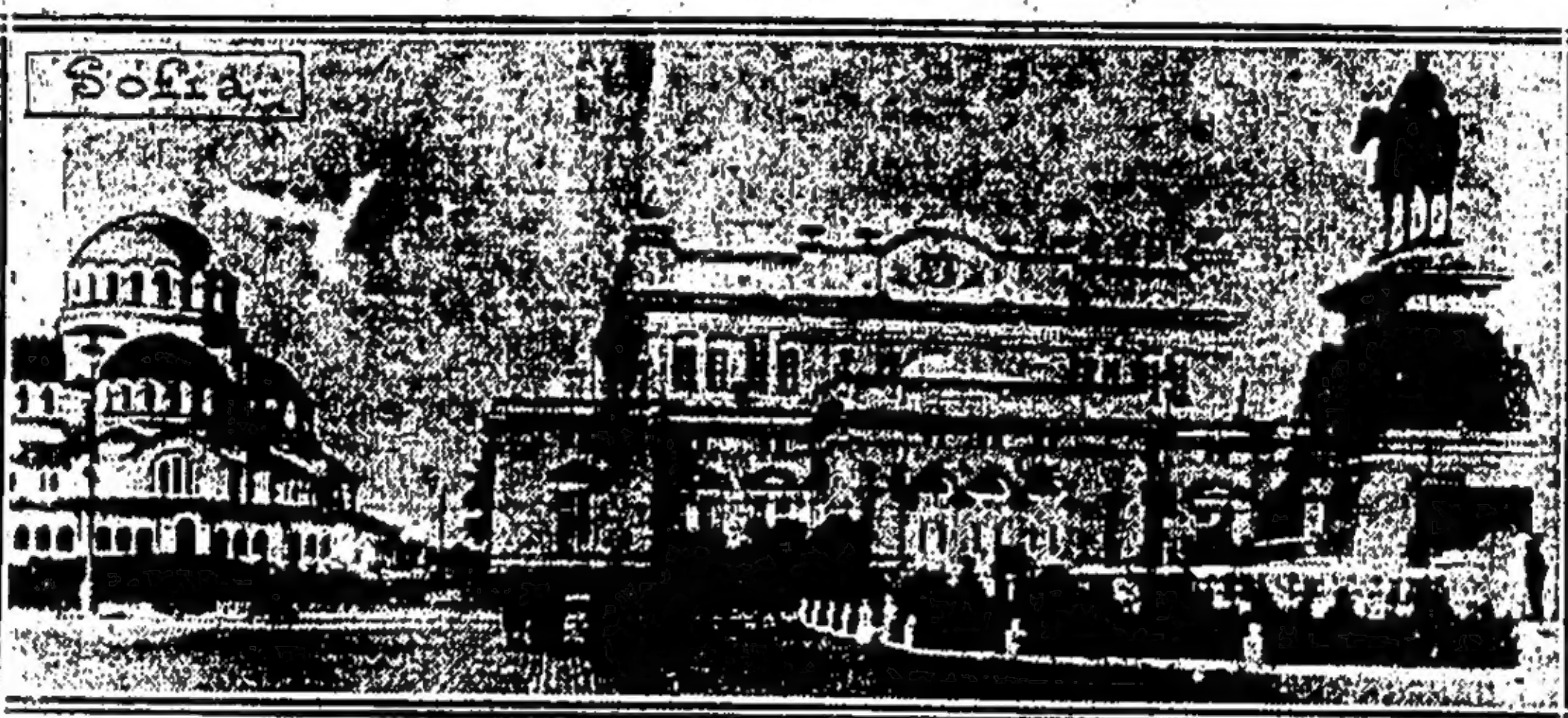
The amounts allowed the plaintiff by His Lordship totalled \$633.75, and the defendants were to have been allowed the costs of the action from the time that they paid into Court the sums of \$1,265.93 and \$964.29 which, according to defendants, were more than sufficient to satisfy plaintiff's claim. Mr. Potter, however, stated that the company had instructed him that in the event of such a decision he was to waive the question of costs. They did not want a penny, said Mr. Potter, from Mr. Kettlewell, and they had taken the matter up as a matter of principle.

A matter of more general interest to officers of the mercantile marine engaged on the China Coast was referred to by His Lordship who held that the grant of six months' leave on full pay was only in the nature of a concession to which the China Navigation Co. were entitled to attach such conditions as they thought proper. (It had been urged on behalf of the China Coast Officers' Guild that the practice followed in respect of the grant of Home leave to officers was not conditional and certain evidence against this contention had been objected to by Mr. Jenkin.)

Mr. F. C. Jenkin and Mr. E. J. Zettlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. Kettlewell. The defendant company was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., (instructed by Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master).

A search warrant executed by the police at Tai Wan (Big Bay) in the Huiyuen district resulted in the seizure of two revolvers and 23 rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made.

## SCENE OF THE TERRIBLE BOMB OUTRAGE.



Over 200 people have been killed and 2,000 injured as the result of a terrible bomb outrage in Sofia. The outrage took place during the funeral service in the Sveta Nedelja Cathedral for the late General Gheorghiev, who was assassinated outside his residence a few days ago. Troops now surround the city and the streets are deserted. The frontier has been closed.

## SHIP'S BOMBS.

"INFERNAL THINGS"  
DANGER.

ERRING IN IGNORANCE.

Before Mr. S. B. B. McDermid, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chiu Chik-nam, com-  
pradore of the river boat Shing Ming, was charged with the unlawful possession of bombs.

Sergeant Carey stated that in company with Sub-Inspector Fallon he boarded the Shing Ming on the afternoon of April 10, and in the course of a search seven bombs were found in the com-  
pradore's cabin. The bombs were constructed of dynamite, detonators, fuse, with glass, sand and other substances as explosive material.

Mr. D. McCallum, for the defence, entered a plea of guilty, and submitted that such bombs were in common use for taking precautions against pirates. He said that the bombs were not unlike those used in the trenches in France during the war. They were put up in cigarette tins with a stick of dynamite, detonator and fuse and surrounded with missiles for doing damage. They were infernal things and a danger to everybody, but the ship's people did not recognise that fact.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 and made order for the confiscation of the bombs.

## CRUELTY TO FOWLS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. S. B. B. McDermid at the Central Magistracy this morning with overcrowding poultry in course of transit.

It was stated that the defendant had 17 and 15 fowls in two small baskets which at most would only hold six each.

Defendant, who pleaded that he was only carrying the poultry for his master, was fined \$3.

Sofia, April 17.—It is stated that the body of the assassin of Deputy Milleff has been discovered at the spot where Milleff was killed bearing a paper, stating execution was ordered by a Macedonian organization. The man is said to have been an anarchist and habitual murderer. —Reuter. [A Reuter message of February 2 reported the assassination of M. Milleff, minister of finance, to Washington, and said his assassin had escaped. The crime was attributed to the Macedonian Federalists, who, it was stated, had been active in the Balkans since the war.]

Wing or Socialists are anxious. The Communists are hostile.

## EARLIER CABLES.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, April 17.—The Cabinet has been finally composed as follows:—  
Premiership and Minister of War, M. Painleve.  
Minister of Justice, M. Steeg.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Briand.  
Minister of Finance, M. Caillaux.  
Minister of Interior, M. Schrameck.  
Minister of Education, M. Demozie.  
Minister of Navy, M. Emile Boul.  
Minister of Colonies, M. Andre Hesse.  
Minister of Agriculture, M. Durand.  
Minister of Commerce, M. Chaumet.  
Minister of Public Works, M. Laval.  
Minister of Labour, M. Durafour.  
Minister of Pensions, M. Antierou.

The Under Secretaries are: Premiership, M. Georges Bonnet; War, M. Osola; Merchant Marine, M. Danielou; Aeronautics, M. Eynac; Fine Arts and Technical Education, M. Debos; Liberated Regions, M. Schmidt; General Commissioner of War, M. Benazet.

## FRIENDS AGAIN.

MOTHER-IN-LAW CASE  
CLOSED.

Getting in the last word, the mother-in-law who is alleged to have misappropriated nearly \$30,000 from her son-in-law, as reported in yesterday's "China Mail," was released from No. 7 Police Station yesterday and the incident is now closed.

A Yunnanese military officer resident in Hongkong accused his concubine's mother of making off about \$24,000 in cash, jewellery, worth over \$3,000 including a 100 fine gold neck chain, weighing about three pounds, a diamond ring and 20 taels of gold leaf valued at \$1,800. Police detectives traced the mother-in-law, and an amicable settlement was arrived at yesterday.

## TRADE MARK CASE.

TAI YAU COMPANY  
ACQUITTED.

The case against the Tai Yau Company for alleged false trade descriptions in respect of "Protector" and "Prophylactic" tooth brushes, which led to a lengthy argument between Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones for the prosecution and Mr. M. K. Lo for the defence at the Central Magistracy on Thursday, was concluded this morning.

The case was adjourned until this morning for the Magistrate to consider the points raised. Mr. Wood held that no offence had been committed and decided in favour of the defendants, the complainants being ordered to pay \$55 as costs to the Tai Yau Company.

An order was made for the tooth brushes seized by the police to be released after a voluntary agreement had been made between the parties that the Tai Yau Company were at liberty to sell the tooth brushes in question without the boxes.

## APPOINTMENTS.

The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer), who is also Estate Duty Commissioner, has been appointed a commissioner to administer oaths by His Honour the Chief Justice.

Mr. J. R. Wood has been appointed Police Judge during the absence on leave of Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz.

Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., has been appointed Captain Superintendent of Police and Chief Officer, Fire Brigade and Mr. D. Burlingham, as Deputy Superintendent, during the absence of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

Mr. H. R. Butters has been appointed Second Police Magistrate.

Captain H. F. Bloxham has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Prisons by H.E. the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with effect from January 23, 1925.

For all cases referring to sections 205, 206, 207 and 207A of the Public Health and Building Ordinance, Mr. S. S. W. Paterson, Engineer, P.W.D., has been appointed to act for the Building Authority.

Mr. Lee King-shum has been recognised as a public vaccinator.

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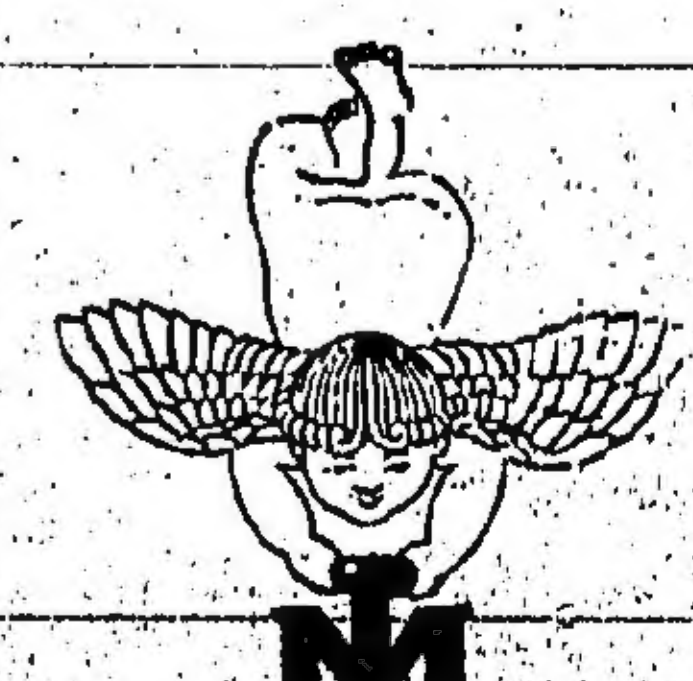
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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
A. H. BARLOW,  
Chief Manager  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1925.

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A. H. FERGUSON,  
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Hongkong, April 15, 1925.

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Reserve Fund.....Fr. 37,500,000

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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## BANK REPORT.

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

The 32nd annual report of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., for the year ending 31st December, 1924, is as follows:

The Net Profits for the year, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including £157,811, 11s. 11d. brought forward from last account, amount to £401,221, 11s. 5d. From this sum has to be deducted £84,000 being the Interim Dividend of 8 per cent. less Income Tax, on the "A," "B," and "C" Shares paid in September last.

The Directors have added £50,000 to the Reserve Fund (raising it to £1,300,000) £15,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and written £10,000 off Freehold Banking Premises. They now recommend a Final Dividend on the "A," "B," and "C" Shares of 8 per cent. less Income Tax (making 16 per cent. for the year), leaving a balance of £158,221, 11s. 5d. to be carried forward.

Mr. C. J. Hambro, of Hambros Bank, Limited, has been appointed to a seat on the Board.

The following Directors retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:—  
Sir Robert I. Black, Bart.  
Mr. C. J. Hambro.

It will be necessary to appoint Auditors. Messrs. Cooper Brothers & Co. and Messrs. W. A. Browne & Co., the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

## MANCHESTER MARKET REPORT.

Manchester, March 16.

A reactionary movement has been in evidence in the American cotton markets, and values have fallen about 14d per lb. The fact that values were again about 14d per lb. may be partly responsible, as liquidation and profit realising has appeared before at about that price in recent months. In addition, however, there has been something of a lull from the increased activity of recent months and it is not clear as yet that the remainder of the season will maintain the level of consumption which has been reached. At Liverpool the demand for actual cotton on the spot and for forward delivery has fallen away. The International Federation's statistics show that the world's consumption of cotton in the half year ending in January last was 11,177,000 bales against 9,989,000 bales in the preceding half-year. The amount of American cotton was 6,232,000 bales, so that if the consumption continues on this scale, it will be barely a million bales less than last year's crop, for the season ending in July. The United States consumption for February was 550,000 bales against 508,000 for the same month last year. The new crop outlook has continued unfavourable, and weather news has become a factor of some importance. The advance in Egyptian cotton has continued without check to a new high level. In the Manchester market, business has shown improvement. The unsatisfactory demand from India and China has stood out with more prominence owing to the inability of the smaller markets to continue trading on the same scale as they have been doing during recent months. Enquiry for both yarn and cloth has been quieter and actual business which is still for the most part for very inconsiderable lots, has decreased. Cloth prices remain fairly firm although yarns are more irregular. American yarns are reduced 1/4d per lb. and Egyptian yarns are unchanged to 1d per lb. dearer. India enquiry continues unusually limited in extent, although larger lots of dhotees have been under offer, and also light whites and a few prints. For China, only occasional lots of whites and fancies have been sold. Egypt and South America, business has been moderately healthy. Business has also been done in varied styles for Persia and the Straits Settlements.

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## STEPHEN'S BLUE BLACK.

AN INK PROSPECTUS.

One of the most remarkable public issues of modern times is that of Henry C. Stephens, Ltd., proprietors of the well-known Stephens Ink. In the offer for sale of 650,000 ordinary shares of £1 each at par, the profits over a period of fifteen years are set without allowance for "income tax and management remuneration," which method is open to considerable objection, as there seems no earthly reason why the absolute net profits should not be stated. However, the profits as stated average about £70,000 a year, and in the last three years work out at £83,000. How far they will stand a capitalisation of £850,000 remains to be seen. In view of the fact that tangible assets acquired, apart from goodwill, trade marks, &c., total only £217,548, of which only £17,500, and that no less a sum than £32,450 is paid for "goodwill, patents, &c." It is to be noted that although Mr. Michael E. Stephens in his letter to the purchaser states that he has "every confidence in the future," the purchase price paid by new company is £850,000 in hard cash, which circumstance is hardly calculated to convey confidence to the general public.

## AND THE VALUE OF "GOODWILL."

In due course the 7 per cent preference shares, when they come to be marketed, may constitute a good investment of their kind, but it is hard to see how the ordinary shares can rank as anything else, but a very doubtful proposition. In the advertised particulars of the "offer for sale" of the ordinary shares, the question of working capital seems to have escaped the attention of the promoters. The new company will acquire stock-in-trade of £37,487, and excess of "sundry debtors, cash, &c." of £48,000. What, however, will be the position in a year's time? Most companies seek to eliminate or reduce materially such an intangible item as "goodwill" from their balance sheets. With goodwill standing in this case at £62,450, one imagines that prudent directors would be chary in regard to distributing profits on the ordinary shares before tackling this formidable item. Consequently the shares seem distinctly a tangle of investment best left to those concerned in the promotion. This business is essentially one which relies on "goodwill" rather than tangible assets. "Goodwill" as a rule, in itself is probably not worth more than four years' purchase, but in this case this item works out at about nine years' purchase, which seems most excessive.

## AUSTRIAN FINANCES.

CROWN STABILIZED.

In his twenty-fifth report covering the month of December 15 to January 15, Alfred Zimmerman, High Commissioner of the League of Nations for Austria, says that Austria is again in the midst of an economic crisis, but unlike the crisis of 1922, the situation is not without its reassuring aspects. The stability of the crown is now sufficiently assured to allow the return to a gold standard. After the introduction of the gold standard, a bill is to be submitted to Parliament for the introduction of gold balance sheets, which will probably be voted at the same time as the reduction of the tax on companies' profits, enabling firms to give a true picture of their situation and increase their dividends, with consequent prospect of attracting foreign capital.

Unemployment is serious. At the end of December there was in receipt of relief numbered 15,000 and in the middle of January 175,000, the percentage being only equalled in Great Britain, which is not, however, like Austria, largely agricultural.

The difficulty is mainly one of finding markets, as the surrounding states have set up customs barriers in their attempts to attain economic independence, while social legislation has increased the cost of production in Austria more than among its competitors.

## PLATINUM ORE.

Exploration of the mineral resources in the island of Rurutu is bringing to light new varieties of deposits. Already a large body of almost pure manganese of the highest quality has been found, as well as an extensive deposit of paint rock and some traces of copper. But the most interesting discovery, a deposit of platinum ore, has been examined by European geologists, who have delivered very favourable reports. Rurutu is an island of the Austral Group, situated about 200 miles south of Tahiti.

## BOSTON SHOW.

## THE LATEST IN MOTOR CARS.

The Boston Automobile Show still remains an outstanding popular event of the year, as proved by the attendance of thousands of persons who thronged the Mechanics Building at the opening to see this colourful display of the motor car achievements for 1925.

The show represents the latest technique of mechanical construction, the beauty of line and finish and the efficiency and economy of operation. It will continue through the week.

Continuous improvement in virtually every phase of the motor car industry has marked the passing years since the first Boston automobile exhibition was held in 1902, under the management of Chester I. Campbell.

An impressive feature of the show is the international aspect of the cars. Manufacturers have planned their models so that the price has been brought within the reach of the average buyer, but European refinements of design, equipment, and upholstery are provided. Especially are improvements in body design noted in cars selling between \$1,000 and \$3,000. All the models this year show the European influence. Overhead valves, custom bodies after continental plans, balloon tires, upholstery refinements, smaller engines, one piece windshields, driving wheel and foot control throughout, and aluminium wheels, are on trial in many of the 1925 cars. It remains to be proven whether these all will be practical over American roads and in traffic.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 17.	Stock Exchange	APRIL 17.	Sharebrokers' Association.
H.S.B.C. T.T. on selling rate	2/8		
and on Shanghai	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Bank 12 1/2	2/8 1/2		
Chartered Bank	2/8 1/2		
P. & O. Bank	2/8 1/2		
East Asia Bank	2/8 1/2		
Mercantile Bank A.B.	2/8 1/2		
Marine Insurance	2/8 1/2		
Canton Insurance	2/8 1/2		
North China Insurance	2/8 1/2		
Union Insurance	2/8 1/2		
Insurance Yangtze	2/8 1/2		
China Union	2/8 1/2		
Fire Insurance	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Fire Insurance	2/8 1/2		
Shipping	2/8 1/2		
Donkey	2/8 1/2		
H.K. Steamship	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter	2/8 1/2		
Indo-China (Prof.)	2/8 1/2		
do. (Def.)	2/8 1/2		
do. (H.K. Reg.)	2/8 1/2		
Star Transport	2/8 1/2		
Star Fort	2/8 1/2		
Water-borne	2/8 1/2		
Oriental Nav. Co.	2/8 1/2		
Refineries	2/8 1/2		
China Sugar	2/8 1/2		
Malacca Sugar	2/8 1/2		
Winning	2/8 1/2		
Kailan Mining Adm.	2/8 1/2		
Langkat	2/8 1/2		
Shanghai Loan	2/8 1/2		
Shai Exploration	2/8 1/2		
Single Langkat	2/8 1/2		
Rancho	2/8 1/2		
Tromch Mines	2/8 1/2		
Ural Casp.	2/8 1/2		
Beagunt Loan	2/8 1/2		
Cocks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	2/8 1/2		
H. & W. Wharves	2/8 1/2		
H. & W. Dock	2/8 1/2		
Star Dock	2/8 1/2		
New Engineering	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Engineering	2/8 1/2		
Shanghai Hongkong	2/8 1/2		
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Hotel	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Development	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Land	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Estates	2/8 1/2		
Kowloon Land	2/8 1/2		
Princes Building	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Realty	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Territorial	2/8 1/2		
Rural Land	2/8 1/2		
Ottom. Mills	2/8 1/2		
Kwo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	2/8 1/2		
Kung Yik	2/8 1/2		
Loan Kung Mow	2/8 1/2		
Oriental	2/8 1/2		
Shanghai Cotton	2/8 1/2		
Yangtze	2/8 1/2		
Miscellaneous	2/8 1/2		
Comments	2/8 1/2		
China Lights (Old)	2/8 1/2		
do (New) 1919	2/8 1/2		
China Provident 1919	2/8 1/2		
Providence Combined	2/8 1/2		
Dairy Farms	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Electric	2/8 1/2		
do	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong and Canton Loan	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Bond	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Rep.	2/8 1/2		
Hongkong Tramways	2/8 1/2		
Peak Tramways (Old)	2/8 1/2		
do (New)	2/8 1/2		
Waiwai	2/8 1/2		
Wm. Forell	2/8 1/2		
Lane Crawford	2/8 1/2		
Canton Loan	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Construction	2/8 1/2		
Nanyang Tobacco	2/8 1/2		
do	2/8 1/2		
Mackintosh	2/8 1/2		
H. K. Taxis	2/8 1/2		
China Bank	2/8 1/2		
Trans	2/8 1/2		
Singapore Trans	2/8 1/2		
do	2/8 1/2		
United Agents (Foreign)	2/8 1/2		

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 16th April 1925.

Bank, Wire	2/8
On demand	2/8 1/2
20 days sight	2/8 1/2
4 months sight	2/8 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/8 1/2
On Paris	2/8 1/2
On demand	2/8 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	2/8 1/2
On demand	2/8 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	2/8 1/2
On New York	2/8 1/2
On demand	2/8 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	2/8 1/2
On Manila	2/8 1/2
On demand	2/8 1/2
On Java	2/8 1/2
On demand	2/8 1/2
On Shanghai	2/8 1/2
On demand	2/8 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola)	47.60
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8.64
Silver (per oz.)	81.5/16

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cents sub.	3 1/2 d.
10 "	2 1/2 d.
5 "	1 1/2 d.
2 1/2 "	3/4 d.
1 1/4 "	3/8 d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	10 1/2 pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	10 1/2 pm.
Chinese Copper Cent	6 1/2 pm.
Rate of Native Interest	5 1/2 in 100
Chinese Sub. Coin	3 1/2 d.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	3 1/2 d.

A countryman, when in a music-shop, espied an article the purpose of which he could not understand. "What's this for?" he asked. "That's a chin-rest," said the assistant, "much used by lady violinists."

"Ah, give me one of them," said the countryman.

After a pause, he added: "I'll take two, mister; her mother lives with me."

## VISITORS AT HOTELS.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

April 18.

and Mrs A. B. C. J. Johnston	Mr. J. H. Johnston
Allen and family	Mr. J. H. Johnston
Mr. H. Axelrod	stone
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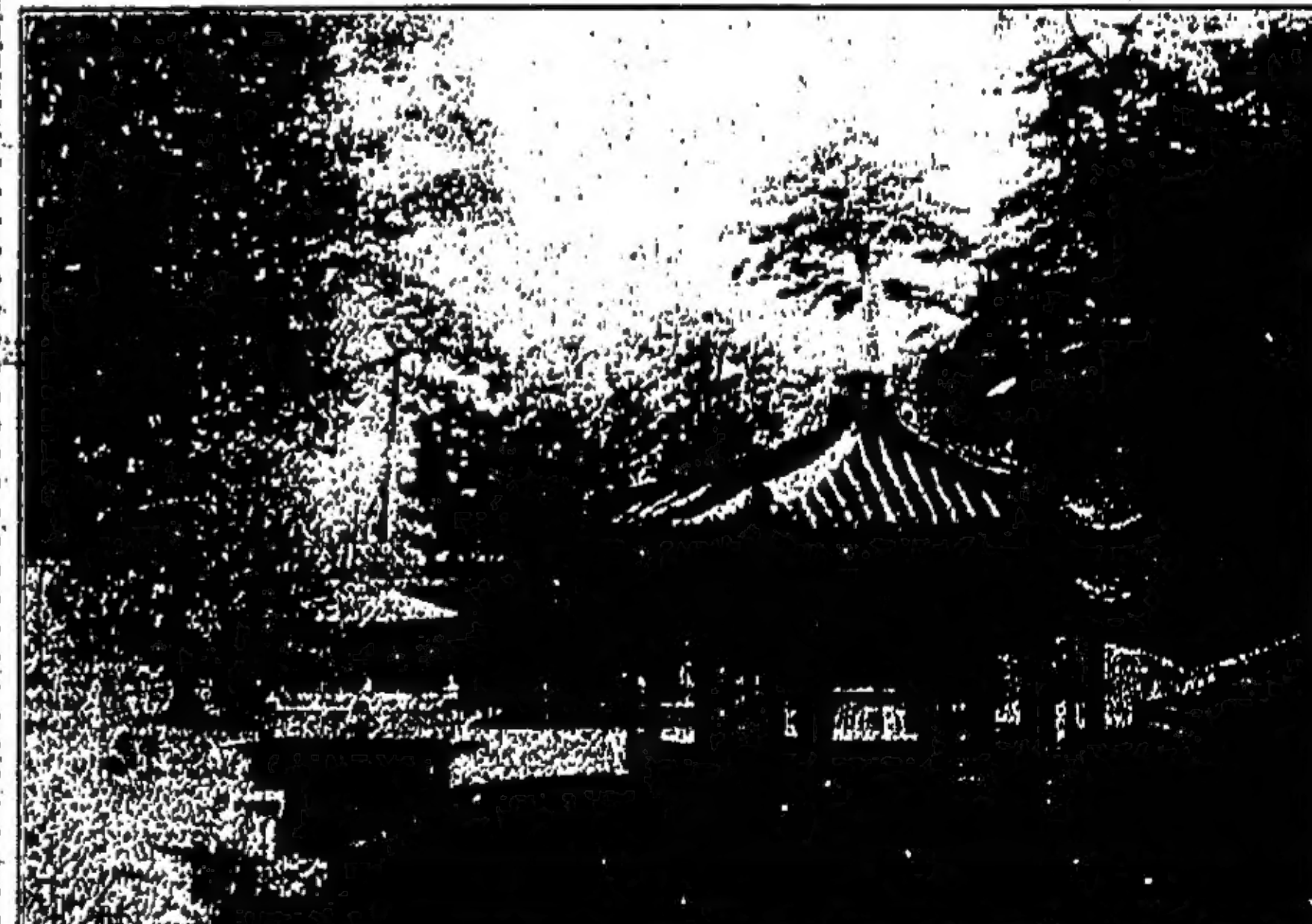
A wedding of considerable local interest took place at Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Wednesday, the parties being Miss Elizabeth Abbott Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, Quarry Bay; and Mr. Norman McIntyre Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Currie, Dundee, Scotland. The bride was given away by her father, Miss Nani Ferguson, her sister, and Miss Cathie Ferguson her cousin, were the bridesmaids. Miss Gerlie McNeillie was flower-girl, The Rev. J. Horace Johnson officiated at the ceremony. Mr. W. A. Stewart was best man. Mr. Henry Laird Carson and Mr. Thomas Low were the ushers.

**GOING HOME FOR GOOD NEXT WEEK.**

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Headmaster of Ellis Kadoor's School, and Mrs. Bird leave the Colony for good next Tuesday. Mr. Bird having retired after twenty-three years' service in the Colony. Mr. Bird is a famous interport sportsman, and an interesting interview with him appears on page one of this issue.

**SAIGON'S SHADY STREETS.**

Sir Edward Stubbs must have visited this beautiful street during his recent tour of Indo-China. Saigon is a splendidly laid out town with an abundance of big shady trees.

**WEST RIVER BEAUTY SPOT.**

Above is one of the charming places seen during the West River cruise. The photograph has been kindly lent by the Hongkong, Canton &amp; Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

**POSSIBLE HONGKONG GOVERNOR?**

The Hon. Sir W. George Maxwell, K.C.M.G., Chief Secretary to Government Federated Malay States was mentioned by a Kuala Lumpur paper as being a possible successor to Sir Edward Stubbs as Governor of Hongkong. However in an interview published in the latest number of The Victorian, the magazine of the Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, Sir George Maxwell is reported to have said that he is retiring on pension in June next year when he reaches the age-limit.

**A GLIMPSE OF AMOY.**

This "traveller's snapshot" shows a charming view of Amoy as seen from the direction of Kulangsu. Note the difference in the rig of the junk compared with the type common here.

**POLICE CHIEF SAILS FOR HOME.**

Photo by Mes Fong.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wells, Captain Superintendent of Police, sailed for home on leave last Saturday. Our photograph shows him receiving three cheers from members of "the Force" before going aboard the launch at Blake Pier.

**Leaving the Church.**

Photo by Mes Fong.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McIntyre Currie "snapped" outside Union Church after their marriage last Wednesday.

**NOTABLE SHIP LAUNCHED.**

Photo by Mes Fong.

Here is the s.s. Changte, "the nearest approach to an ocean-going liner" yet turned out here, as she looked just before she took the water in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s principal dockyard last Wednesday. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. W. A. R. Douglas in the presence of a distinguished gathering.



# THE MODE IS CERTAINLY WEARABLE



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WHITE AND NAVY WITH  
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YELLOW SATIN

## It Permits the Interchanging of Parts—Its Luxury is Tempered With Subtle Simplicity—It is Interesting.

No matter what your perspective, the mode is wearable. If you believe in fine fabrics and rare colorings; if you are the strictly tailored type; if the fashion of feminine elegance appeals to you; if you enter your immediate interest in attire for the morning, the afternoon or the evening; you find not a little, but much, of interest. And that interest touches every detail of every separate fashion for everywhere one finds things new and adaptable. The centres of fashion here and abroad at our Southern resorts and along the Riviera have tried out the new modes and found them good.

Even the simplest things are touched with the luxury of either fabric, color or trimming, being nothing of their simplicity in the process. There is always a something about the modes of spring that the modes of winter do not possess—a freshness and a certain variety—and the coming spring will not disappoint. The models already assembled, from which our attire will take its general outline, are even more authentic than they usually are at this time of the year; the reason for this being a suitability that is unusual in its character.

The Silhouette is Varied. While different designers may use different names for their personal interpretation of the fared silhouette, the mode really employs two general outlines—the straight and the flared. The latter achieved in ways that are both delightful and unusual. The wider hemline is in keeping with the spirit of short hair and short skirts—it means a freedom that is not only acceptable, but imperative. Details of adornment may differ, but the idea remains, permitting variety in the achievement.

Compared to the present interpretations of it, the original fared silhouette was crude, for it was apparent. So subtle are the methods of skirt lines that one finds herself possessed of a flare that does not affect in any marked degree the slim lines that the average woman needs. The kick pleats that give the sportswoman freedom and the godets and circular flares that permit grace to the dancer are achievements, in that they fall, when not in action, into straight lines. And both ripples and pleats are expressed in all the new spring fashions, their expression marked by the finest craftsmanship and the cleverest details.

One group of models will impress you

with the fashion simplicity of their lines; another group will also impress with simplicity, but it will be of an elegance that savours of feminine charm—not really more mature, but more subtle. The former has to do with the strictly tailored suit; the two-piece jumper dress; the small, practically unadorned hat; the mannish topcoat; all the sports fashions; it stops only just short of severity. The latter has a subtle charm that is embodied in the drooped coat; ensemble suits, and evening frocks.

Simple Things For Morning Wear. For the day—and for sports as well—there are simple things, young in their feeling. They are the sort of frocks and suits and coats that one travels in; wear in the country; or in town on the street. For afternoon sophistication (expressed in fabric, color, and trimmings), novelty trimmings and clever interpretations of the silhouette. For evening beauty and grace in semi-formal and dance attire; and beauty and grace of the more dignified kind in formal things.

In fabrics one must stress the rears, twills, jersey and flannel for tailored and sports attire; and charmer and laces. The latter bridge the gap between tailored and sport. Silks, crepes, especially in prints; chiffon and Georgette; the range of fabrics is so great that the will be an extremely particular woman who cannot be satisfied. And it is the same with colors. It is the rainbow, jewel, flower and pastel tones; the blues, greens and browns; black, white, and natural; there is gratification for all.

Would you have a coat? You may have either a long, tailored coat or an elaborate, fur-bordered model with appliques or embroideries to add to its luxury. Would you have a suit? It may be a long-coat tailored suit or a short-coat tailored suit; it may be two or three-piece; it may be almost gorgeous in its elaboration. Is your choice a frock? It may be straight line or flared; it may be one of two-piece; it may be high or low of neck; short or long of sleeve. There are countless variations in every mode, all pointing unmistakably to the ensemble.

There Are Three Featured Modes. Outstanding—we have the ensemble suit, the jumper dress, the strictly tailored coat or suit. They rule a band of willing subjects, but are ably assisted by the many other fashions. The ensemble certainly claims, even

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A NOVELTY PATTERNED FABRIC WITH SCARLET ON YELLOW



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demand, attention. Everything is linked to everything else, by fabric, color or trimming, and no woman is correctly attired if she be a "thing of shreds and patches" which does not, of course, need to be interpreted literally. A mixture of colors or of lines that resulted in lack of harmony would result in failure, as well.

Models chosen for the fine points of their originality appear upon this page. Navy and white in combination are not new; blue embroidery on white flannel may not be new; but bands and embroidery on the frock with bands on the coat, both inside and out, with a band of banana colored satin added, is an original presentation. The punchant for a trimmed lining in copied fabric of the frock to line the coat borders rival all-over prints, and in this particular model lobster red on white harmonizes with the lobster red fabric of which the coat is made. A kick pleat surprisingly widens the apparently narrow skirt.

In the sports costume of white flannel with coat of lobster red, note the doubtful origin of the velvet tie, that disappears, then reappears in such a clever way. The banding on the pocket is repeated on the lining of the coat. In the suit that uses the bordered fabric of the frock to line the coat, to be worn under a coat of plain color, finds a hat of the dress material imperative. High lights of this model border, above which a band of plain fabric appears, and the small, almost tailored, fur collar in a season when fur at the neck is conspicuous by its absence.

The velvet collar has returned to the tailored topcoat, and you may see how effective it is on the tweed coat that has been patterned after the coat of royalty. And there are velvet cuffs in this instance to keep the collar company. The double breasted topcoat shares its popularity with the single breasted model, and the soft basket weaves, covert twill, chevrons and homespun are runners-up for the first place now held by tweed. Silk coats are being shown and are a future possibility, when the last snow of the season has come—and gone; and robes return for the summer!

Elaborations Of The Mode. Lace has made its position permanent in the mode. Black lace over blond, flesh or coral satin; ecru lace over flesh; colorful appliques and embroideries on black and lace in combination with other fabrics or as a trimming for them are adequate proof of the wisdom of fashion. Chiffon and crepe make beautiful dance frocks, lending themselves to petal treatments, points, tiers, godets and flounces with vivacious charm. Crepe de chine and flat crepe are daytime fabrics, and they fashion frocks that are tucked, flounced, scalloped, pleated and trimmed with tabs and washings. There are embroideries, and they are elaborate, making use of silver, gold rhinestones, crystals and satin bands. Pleats are as fine as tucks; they are inverted and appear at the sides; they make capes and plastrons and panels; and glorify the details of the jacket. Gold lace and metal materials have a place in the formal mode; colour runs riot and is a background, confirming our belief in the stability of fashion; there is black and navy blue.

## The Song of the Shirt.

One of the most important single features of the spring fashion symphony is the tailored shirt—"in toto" or as an influence. The popularity, but not the usefulness and charm, of the one-piece dress is temporarily eclipsed by the vogue of the two-piece or jumper dress, a French origination, and—like all of the latter group, an idea of acceptable fashion value.

Any style that lends to interchangeable parts is economical, and the two-piece dress is such a style. It is made up of a skirt and separate blouse, known in the parlance of the trade as a "shirt," and its influence sends far beyond the realm of its original conception, affecting even the one-piece frock that it has rivalled.

It has buttons and ties and belts, or it has no one of the three; it is usually of the overblouse type; it matches or contrasts with the skirt; and it employs such features as the plastron, the yoke and the new boyish collar. All of these features are adapted to the front of a single piece, the latter frequently simulating the two-piece model.

## DID YOU KNOW—

THAT the mannish neckline of the newest coats and suit coats makes the scarf almost a necessity? Many coats feature a scarf collar, but when the line is unrelieved, a brilliant strip of printed silk at least two yards in length, may supply the deficiency.

THAT very new, very clever slip-on sweaters of chiffon mohair lace down the front? They are trimmed with "rayon" (artificial silk) and exploit the fashion of the club collar. The very newest and most charming of the sport shawls come in this new sweater.

THAT tasselled vanities of gold or silver, exquisitely engraved, with enamel motifs, are exact copies of original French designs? They are finished with a silk cord and tassels, and hide in their depths the necessary powder, lipstick and rouge.

THAT the advance models of spring shoes exploit color, and there will be many lovely shades of brown, navy blue and gray? Red and the very bright colors are prodigally used as trimmings, but not as materials.

## TEN NEW SHADES TO REMEMBER.

Bubble—a gauze gray.  
Gris Force—deep gray.  
Argent—silver gray.  
Topaz—the pastel gold.  
Flage—sand beige.

Latitude—lettuce green.  
Amande—a delicate green.  
Menthe—a deeper green.  
Pervenche blue—pearl blue.  
Caoutchouc—a pinky beige.

## HAND IN GLOVE WITH NOVELTY

No matter how much curiosity and desire to test the loyalty of her suit might tempt her, the modern woman would hesitate to throw a glove into the den of a wild beast. There might be a chance that the loyalty might fail and the glove be lost to her, and the increased beauty of this particular accessory has resulted in increased cost, so that lost gloves are a cause for more than a passing pang of regret or annoyance. For the correct ensemble demands correct handwear, and no one may deny the demands of this most insistent vogue.

Whether the frock be tailored and long-sleeved or rather inclined to the more demure type, that is, very often, sleeveless, gloves are imperative; and when the fairly short glove is worn with a short-sleeved or sleeveless dress, it follows that attention is centred on the glove itself. Fashion has met this demand for beautiful handwear in a way that cannot but prove satisfactory. In the attempt to achieve elegance with restraint there were, naturally, a very great many errors made, and by that means errors in the amount of colour and elaboration, used.

But glove styles have settled into ways that are pleasing, and have become less ornate while they have retained, even gained, elegance. Their most prominent characteristic is novelty—in the use of fabrics, colors and the application of trimmings; and it is by virtue of this novelty that they become a really critical part of the mode. It is amusingly easy to spoil the most carefully thought out costume with the wrong choice of handwear. For that

reason one must be certain of her colors in relation to the ensemble. It is imperative that we keep the latter always in mind, for to be correctly dressed the various parts of the whole must either match or harmonize. And dozens of shades of every color make it possible to do both, while they also make a mismatch just as possible. The gradations between one shade and the next may be so slight as to be subtle, but it may spell the difference between success and failure.

Through the winter we have had to do with gloves of both fabric and kid, the former a trifle less expensive in their first cost and really inclined to give more satisfactory wear. To the two types a third is added with the approach of spring. Silk gloves seem a comfortable solution of the summer glove problem, and while they are not, any more than the fabric glove, enough cheaper to make any very great financial difference, they are very confining to the hands, and cooler.

Gloves—even the cuffed and gauntlet styles—are shorter than they used to be. Perhaps the cuffed glove is the leader, and the turn-down the leader of cuff models, but slip-ons with a loose wrist and gloves that fit closely at the wrist and are clasped have a really fine showing, this season. The wrist-fitted glove very often has a band of kid in a contrasting color or a band of fabric as a finish, making this type most novel and really new, which means it will show an increased popularity, especially for sports and tailored wear.

Embroidery may be said to be the leader in decorative effects, perhaps because of its versatility which makes it the leading element of all fashion. Appliques begin where embroideries leave off; braids, beads and tinsel appear on the more ornate offerings, and hand-painting, cretonne and abstract cross-word puzzle designs are a marked feature of what might be termed extreme novelties that really have no part in the ensemble of the conservatively well-groomed woman.

In leathers glauc and suede are tied for first choice, many inclining to the luxurious softness of the latter while others prefer the firmer wearing qualities of the former. While black and white are staples in colour, always, as well as the combination of the two, the range of . . . and gray may well be called staples, too. Gray usually comes back as a potent factor in spring fashions which makes the gray range important; and brown has become a staple second only in importance to blue, as the tan and brown range is wide. Blue, green, purple and many other colors appear as trimmings, but rarely for the whole glove.

Suede finished fabric and silk follow the colour card of leather gloves, varying only as fabrics vary in "taking" colours. Practically the same trimmings treatments will be seen in these styles, and there will be combinations of fabrics, and, of course, of colors. One will hardly go wrong if her choice is either the cuff glove—preferably of the turn down variety—or the wrist-fitted glove, with a side venture into the slip-on type for a change.



(Left) Fashion Returns To The Loose Wrist, Strapless Slip-On. It's Smart With Tailored Things. (Right) Not the Glove Itself, But the Cuff It Wears; Not The Single Colour But The Combination.

## ARE YOU KEEPING IT BOBBED?

Every member of the bobbed hair fraternity has, at some time in her career, been beset with arguments—relative or friend—against short hair. These arguments have driven many a woman to letting her hair grow, even when to do so was against her own best judgment. The chief indictment against the fashion seems to be the fact that it may prove only a fad, and every woman that finds a fashion unbecoming and grows her hair out becomes proof for the complainant. But the fashion of bobbed hair is not a fad, it is a fact; and there is every indication that there will be more bobbed heads this summer than there have ever been. It is even prophesied that women who have been persuaded to let it grow will be moved by the memory of the comfort of short locks—to have them cut again. For Paris, whence come our smartest fashion ideas, is still bobbing, and over there is never a question of "Shall I bob?" but of "What bob?" Nearly everyone is already bobbed, you see.

There isn't a doubt that many a charming head has been completely concealed, even disguised, by the coils of hair upon it. And there isn't a doubt that the fashion is, in general, youthful, the trend being in favour of the its retention. While there are some women who cannot wear straight hair, there are many who could wear it with more becomingness than they wear waves, if they did but know it. Parisian heads are rarely curled, the tendency being away from the "wave." If the matter of keeping the hair waved is the main objection to short hair, one may try it unwaved and straight, setting the effect with the aid of a net and hair-pins. But if a wave is imperative, and the hair does not hold a marvellous long enough to pay for having it done, there is always the permanent wave. At first, this may seem an expensive operation, but it costs less in the long run, than a weekly marcel; it is there as long as the hair is, and it is a joy to its owner.



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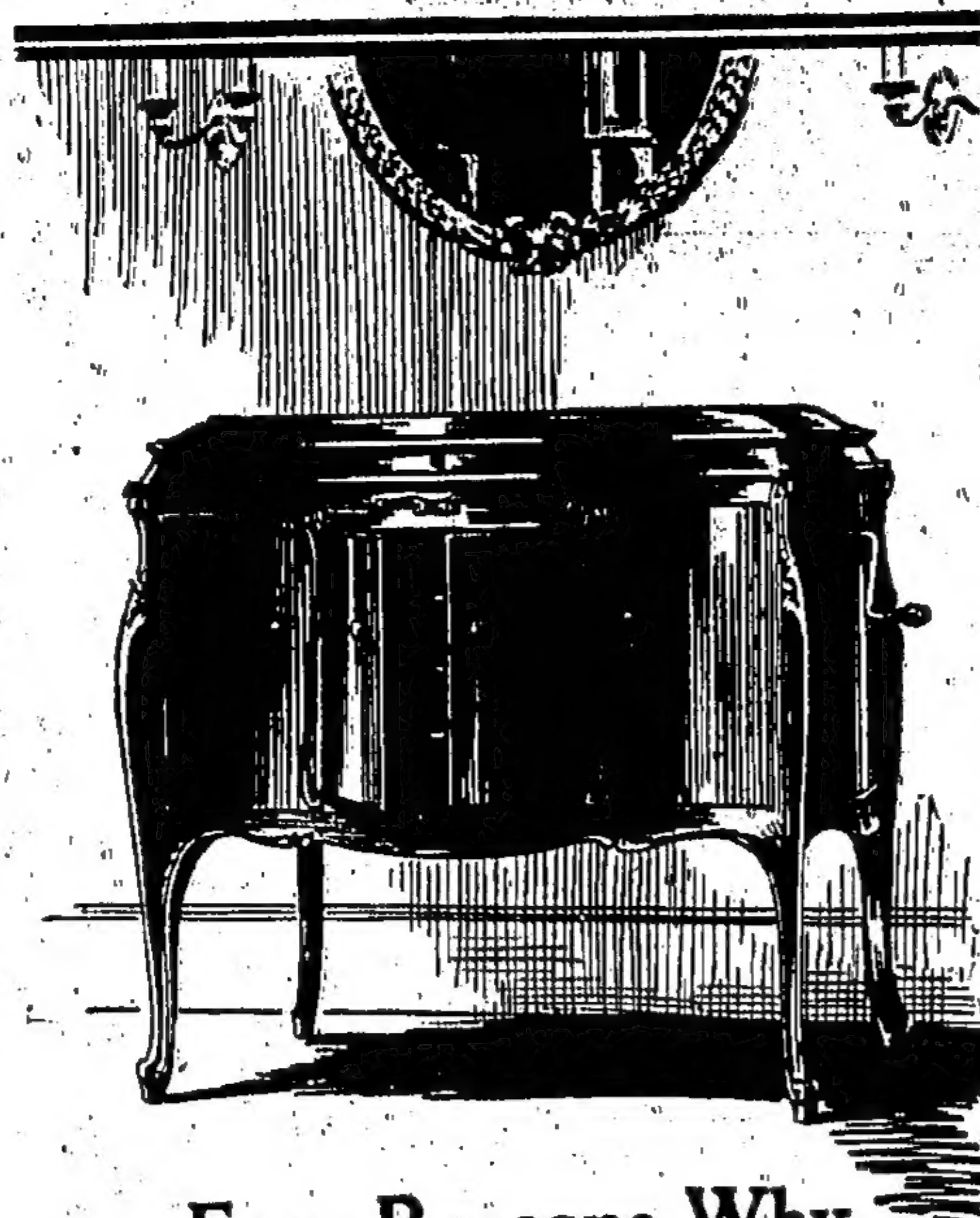
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## WHY NOT A NEW THEATRE?

Dead for the time being is the discussion on the accepted fact that Hongkong needs a new City Hall. What is really meant is that Hongkong needs a new theatre. A recent visiting impresario knowing the Hongkong of years ago, noted the vast changes, but the theatre was "just the same"—small, draughty, out of date. We may take it that nothing will be done until either the Government or a typhoon takes the matter in hand. And this, as the hymn has it, will be "in the sweet by and by." It must be left to private enterprise. And at the moment we know of nobody better able to consider the question of a new theatre than our premier Amateur Dramatic Club.

If even to this body the idea at the moment seems stupendous or impossible, we would remind it that the Tientsin Amateur Dramatic Club is discussing a project to build its very own theatre. Estimates for such a place have already been secured, providing for a theatre with a dance floor, supper room, roof garden, spacious basement, accommodation, dressing rooms, etc. If Tientsin is able to consider such a proposal, Hongkong should also be able to do the same. Dramatic art is, at the moment, in an interesting condition. The theatre is a part and parcel of the intellectual, educational and social life of the people. A new theatre owned by our amateurs would lead to increased stimulus and would give many of us a greater insight into the interesting realm of theatrical life, and a greater incentive to promote the very best that the theatre has to offer.

## Hongkong Prisoners.

An American attorney who examined the Supreme Court of Hongkong in the course of a visit to the Colony, remarked on the position of the dock and character of the isolation of the prisoner as unfair in that it imposed a strain on him and cut him off from intercourse with his counsel. The same would apply to most English courts, for it is only in America, or in an exceptional case in England, that the prisoner is able to sit next his counsel and advise him as the case proceeds. But a point that was seized upon by a correspondent to the "China Mail" when the interview with the American Attorney appeared was that prisoners often stand throughout the whole day in Criminal Court proceedings in Hongkong. This our correspondent, who signed himself "Ex-Juryman," termed as cruel. Similar arguments are put for-

ward by a correspondent to the London Times who appears surprised that it is the custom in England for a prisoner to stand in the dock no matter how long his trial may last unless express permission is given by the Judge. As a contemporary has pointed out there are seats in the docks of the Hongkong Supreme and Summary Courts but it is the testimony of observers that prisoners' attention is seldom, if ever, drawn to them by the warders, and it is only on rare occasions that the Judge lets fall the words "tell the prisoner he can sit down." Yet, as "Ex-Juryman" pointed out, "the Chinese, although possibly more used to standing work, are not devoid of feeling."

## Bathing.

Come unto these yellow sands says Shakespeare, and come we do when the hot days sizzle us and sap our energy. The "Yellow Sands" may be littered with pebbles; the near distant sea disclose the muddy whiteness of jelly-fish or the discolouration that is of oil—it matters not—the call is to the sea; and as John Massfield did not say:—

I must go down to the beach again, to the lonely sands and sky  
And all I ask is some bathing togs and a towel to make me dry.

Government does well to recognise the summer need of bathing and to make facilities so that the common people may enjoy in comfort and safety the invigorating pleasures of a dip. Forty-four thousands of people are said to have made use of the various bathing beaches daily, last year. It seems incredible but facts, like pigs, "is facts." Given fine weather, this huge total should be exceeded in the coming months, and young and old, rich and poor, enjoy a pastime that is negligible in its cost and beneficial to health to an unknown degree.

## Death of Raisuli.

To-day's cables report the death of Morocco's most famous bandit chief. Raisuli has been the central figure in a number of international incidents that might well cause one to question the term "bandit" and to substitute "diplomat" or "statesman." Perhaps none of his exploits ever carried a more romantic appeal than his capture in 1904 of Ion Pedicaris, millionaire citizen of America. Ion Pedicaris amassed a fortune in Trenton, New Jersey, but, following his artistic and perhaps atavistic inclinations, had chosen to reside for the most part of his life in a magnificent villa built far up in the Spatterlo headlands about five miles from Tangier. From this house one evening in May, 1904, Pedicaris and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, were dragged from the dinner table, bound, carried over the mountains and held for ransom by the bandit Raisuli. The following day the United States Consul, Gummere, stationed at Tangier, wired the State Department at Washington the details of the incident. President Roosevelt, upon receipt of the cablegram, instructed the State Department to investigate the matter and to follow the investigation with a vigorous demand for the release of the captured American. Delays ensued. Roosevelt, impatient, took the bit in his teeth and determined to give the shifty Sultan of Morocco a wholesome taste of American "shirt-sleeve" diplomacy. He instructed John Hay, then Secretary of State, to draw up a final peremptory demand for the release of Pedicaris and wound it up with this characteristic Rooseveltian phrase: "We must have Pedicaris alive or Raisuli dead." Following the delivery of this ultimatum he gave orders for an immediate demonstration by a squadron of American warships in the Moroccan waters. Within two days the Sultan had agreed to pay the ransom demanded by Raisuli and to submit to all the terms laid down by the bandit. A short time later Pedicaris was free.

Washington, April 17.—The Rumanian Legation learns that a settlement has been reached by the Standard Oil interests regarding the dispute in connection with the new Rumanian mining law. There are no details.—Reuters American Service.

It is notified in the "Gazette" that a fee of \$15 will be charged by the Government for each X-Ray examination performed at the Government Civil Hospital of patients sent by medical practitioners.

## VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ANNUAL INSPECTION BY  
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The annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps by the General Officer Commanding drew crowds to the Murray parade ground and other spots overlooking it yesterday. The Corps has increased by nearly 150 since last year and by numbers, smartness and precision of movement justified what the G.O.C. termed their "solid contribution to the protection of the community."

Punctually at 6 p.m. Major General Luard appeared on the ground with his staff, and after being received by Lieut.-Colonel Bird, Commandant of the Volunteer Corps, inspected the various units, nearly 400 strong, commencing with the Artillery and Mounted Infantry and concluding with the Scottish company. Then with the pipe band, occupying the centre of the parade ground playing the marches of the companies, the march past was taken, following which the General Officer Commanding addressed the men, who were in square formation.

G.O.C.'S SPEECH.

Major-General Luard said the strength of the Corps last year was 310 and this year 452. That increase was very satisfactory. It was not due to any special circumstances; but to solid work on the part of Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Corps in showing that the Corps was a real and solid contribution to the protection of the community.

That was appreciated by the community and he hoped that it would lead to a further increase. But they must remember that numbers, without efficiency, was not enough.

In the Artillery Company, the formation of an additional section from Taifoo was most satisfactory. That section won the intersection shoot at Taifoo, where both sections did very well.

The reorganization of the Engineer Company had placed that unit in a good position to meet the present day requirements of the Corps. The Field Company Sections, though only formed last year, had done good work, including three week-end camps. The unit was keen and turned out well for any show.

The Mounted Infantry Company reminded him of his early days. It was full of life. The importance of horsemanship must be remembered; and they must keep their ponies fit to go on service. It was difficult with a China pony, but they must not try to move too fast. The armoured lorry was a great accession of strength to the whole Corps. He hoped it would induce recruits to join up.

The Machine Gun platoon under modern conditions was one of the most valuable units. They should remember that gun teams must be expert; and theirs were, as was shown in the field firing at Fanning Camp.

The Infantry, as always, were the backbone of every Corps. Infantry work was not always so exciting or interesting during peace time as that of other units, but they must stick to it and not mind that. They ought to remember that the Lewis gun was becoming more and more the weapon of Infantry, and a high standard of skill with it was necessary.

The Reserve Company would form cadres on which the Corps could expand in emergency. It was absolutely necessary; and he hoped all would join as time for active service passed.

He was glad to see the Pipe Band on parade; it constituted a valuable part of the Corps. In conclusion General Luard said: "I congratulate you, Colonel Bird, and your headquarters on the results which this parade shows you have attained, and I hope that, with the continued support of the community, next year will show as big an improvement in the Corps under your command."

## \$1,000 BAIL.

Two Chinese, Wong Shek-chuen and Li Ming, were charged before Mr. S. B. B. McElerry at the Magistracy this morning with obtaining from the "Nam Wah" firm, of Jordan Road, Kowloon, by false pretences and with intent to defraud, 2,278 China fir plies valued at \$3,267.10.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the prosecution and Mr. F. Whitehouse defended.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon, bail being fixed at \$1,000 each.

At the Pinchan Police Court, a Chinese constable was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for being found asleep whilst on duty at Lokmaichau.

## WELSH NOTES.

"GREAT WELSHMEN"  
CONTROVERSY.

[BY "AF RHYS"]

A writer to a prominent London weekly has rushed into print with a confession that he only knows two "genuine" Welshmen who attained to European reputation. His lamentable display of ignorance has given rise to considerable comment and dozens of names have been put forward to refute the suggestion which is hardly worthy of consideration if it were not for the fact that it may serve to open our eyes to our own lack of knowledge of the lives of great Welshmen.

Among the names put forward by correspondents are those of General Sir Thomas Picton who on seven different occasions, each time by a unanimous vote, was thanked by the House of Commons for his services to Britain and the Empire; Robert Owen, the founder of the Co-operative movement; H. M. Stanley (John Rowlands), the world famous explorer; and Vaughan, the poet. Others who could hardly be termed as included among "genuine" Welshmen but who were of Welsh descent, are Cromwell, whose family name was originally Williams; Henry VII, the son of a Welsh father and English mother; and Giraldu Cambrensis, the son of a Norman father and a Welsh mother.

One correspondent devotes himself entirely to the enumerating of the exploits of one whose life was considered recently in St. John's Cathedral Hall when a lecture was given on the "Humours of Piracy."—Sir Henry Morgan, the great Buccaneer who sacked and burnt the city of Panama and afterwards became Lieut. Governor of Jamaica. Other correspondents even boasted that Capt. Johnson's "History of the Pirates" contains the names of several other Welshmen whose fame "extended considerably beyond the bounds of Europe."

Had I been given the choice of contributing one name to these I would have added that of my namesake, Dr. Richard Price, a monograph of whose life has recently been written by Mr. Rowland Thomas. In the scholastic world Dr. Price is no doubt best known for his works on philosophy and theology although even these records would appear to have been largely obliterated by time from the memory of his race. It is in order that Welshmen may the more readily recall the romantic story of his career that the monograph has been written.

To his philosophical and theological erudition Dr. Price added still further achievements by his publication of a work entitled "Observations on Reverend Payments," which dealt with consummate skill with such matters as Life Annuities, Old Age Pensions and the National Debt. This work was subsequently supplemented by his preparation at the request of a committee of the House of Commons of actuarial tables which were intended to form the foundation of a plan for enabling the labouring poor to provide support for themselves in sickness and old age by small weekly savings from their wages. As Mr. Roland Thomas justly shows, the fact that the first scientific attempt in the way of computation was made by Richard Price entitles him to be regarded as the Father of Old Age Pensions.

Conspicuous as he was as a philosopher, Richard Price was still greater as the Apostle of Liberty. Whether he was engaged in a struggle for securing for Dissenters in his own land the right of religious freedom, or whether he was urging America to insist on her rights—for it is said that it was Dr. Price's pen that advised the people of Boston to throw the taxed tea into the sea—his soul flamed forth with an unquenchable ardour. In recognition of his passionate devotion to the cause of America, the University of Yale—which had been established by a Welshman—conferred on him, simultaneously with George Washington, the degree of LL.D., and six years later Benjamin Franklin was empowered to convey to him the resolution of the American Congress in cordial and eager invitation to him to become a citizen of the United States. He declined so supreme a mark of honour and died at Hackensack in 1791.

## GOLD FRANC PACT!

(Reuters Service.)

PEKING, April 17:

With reference to the reported gold franc agreement, the French Minister states that the agreement, which has now been negotiated and the basis which has been determined by each side, contains the principle of resuming payment according to the 1905 arrangement, namely by means of telegraphic transfer.



## TRUANT AIRSHIP.

## YOUNG LIEUTENANT'S GREAT EXPLOIT.

## WIFE'S LONG VIGIL.

## How the R33 Came Safely Home Again.

After thirty-nine hours' battling with a severe gale, the truant airship R33 has safely reached home again, to the delight of the entire nation.

## SAFELY HOUSED.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, April 17.  
The R33 arrived at Pulham 2.10 this afternoon.

Later,  
The R33 has been safely housed.

## EPIC DEEDS.

London, April 17.  
While the nation has been thrilled by the unflinching competence of the whole crew, the outstanding facts of the magnificent effort of the R33 are firstly the way Flight Lieutenant Booth, aged thirty, rose to the occasion in handling the crippled airship for twenty-nine hours in an exceptional storm, ten hours of which even keeping the nose to the wind was a terrific task; secondly, the marvellous demonstration of the value of wireless, in connection with which the Irish boy operator Keeley, aged twenty, was working the whole trip, keeping in touch with the land officials who were directing the airship's movements.

"SPLENDID EFFORTS."  
Flight Lieutenant Booth was a sub-lieutenant in the Navy in 1914. Later he was engaged in "spotting" submarines, for which he was awarded the Air Force Cross.

The progress of the R33 was necessarily slow. All five engines were not used simultaneously with a view to saving petrol.

Thousands of people gathered at Lowestoft and cheered the airship as she slowly passed over at one o'clock in the afternoon. She was sighted at Pulham at two and it was seen that her nose was badly damaged.

There crowds and many volunteers had congregated by every means of locomotion. Flight Lieutenant Booth's wife had been at Pulham all night.

The housing of the airship occupied ninety minutes.

Air Vice-Marshal Salmond telegraphed Flight Lieutenant Booth: "Your efforts were splendid and redound to the credit of all."

ESCAPE FROM DISASTER.  
London, April 17.  
Delighted relatives affectionately greeted the weary crew disembarking from the R33. The crew were taken to huts and given refreshments before retiring for a much-needed sleep. It is disclosed that the prompt action of Flight Lieutenant Booth saved the airship which would otherwise have been wrecked in the first few hours. Booth after the breakaway thoroughly examined the nose. He found the No. 1 gas bag punctured and laced it to the No. 2 frame. Thus when deflated it formed a new bulkhead and prevented the damage spreading. The crew felt the severe cold of the night but were very cheerful.

EARLIER CABLES.  
London, April 17.  
The R-33 was in touch with the Air Ministry all night. It is reported that at six-thirty this morning she was fifty miles west by south of Amsterdam.—*Reuter.*

## PENSIONS SCHEME.

ROYAL ARTILLERY  
BRIGADE.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, April 17.  
Pensions for the families of native soldiers in the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade of the Royal Artillery, according to a new Army Order will be on rates identical with those of families of native soldiers of equivalent rank in the Indian Army payable under the Indian Army Regulations, provided if the soldier in the brigade being native and enlisting in India for service from India or abroad ship, or sick leave in India, unless death is due to his own action.

## DONE HIM GOOD.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, April 17.  
General Hsu, interviewed by *Reuter*, declared that he had gained considerable benefit from his investigations in France where he had found many things which, modified, might be adopted in China. He hoped for good results from the report he would make to the Chinese Government regarding what he had seen abroad.

## HUGE DEATH ROLL.

## Infernal Machine Havoc.

## SOFIA IN A FERMENT.

## TROOPS SURROUND THE CITY.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

SOFIA, April 17.  
It is now estimated that 200 people were killed and 2000 injured in the bomb outrage.

A hundred arrests have been made.

Troops surround the city and the frontier has been closed.

The streets are deserted and all vehicular traffic has stopped.

## EARLIER CABLES.

SOFIA, April 16.  
Many persons were killed or injured by the explosion of a bomb in Svetanodelia Cathedral during the funeral service of M. Gheorghieff.

All the Ministers present were uninjured.

SOFIA, April 17.  
It is believed that 30 were killed and 200 injured, mostly slightly, as the result of the bomb explosion in the Cathedral. The dead include General Davidoff and Nerzoff, and ex-Minister Koloncheff.

LATER.  
140 were killed by the explosion in the Cathedral, of whom 20 were women, 10 children, six generals and 30 officers. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the country.

Several arrests have been made in connection with the explosion, by the police. An inquiry showed it was due to an infernal clock-work machine concealed in a part of the Cathedral facing the South. Ministers and officials mostly escaped because they had gathered round the coffin in the Chancel. The Premier and Ministers of War and Interior were slightly wounded. The Mayor of Sofia and the ex-War Minister General Naidenoff were killed. The King was given an ovation by the crowds in the streets when he visited the scene of the explosion.

CITY IN FERMENT.  
While there have been no further serious attacks, the Director of the Central Bank was assassinated in the street today.

The explosion occurred at three o'clock in the afternoon. Three members of the Cabinet were slightly injured by falling plaster. The dead include the Prefect of Police and several Deputies. The city is in ferment and the whole country most excited. The military authorities have ordered curfew from 7.30 in the evening. All classes are most indignant at the outrage, which follows a series of political assassinations culminating in the attack on M. Boris.

Citizen volunteers are being enrolled, and one forming patrols to maintain law and order under the direction of Generals Rousseff and Vulkoff, the Ministers of Interior and War. The military held up and searched all passengers on trains from the city yesterday. Travel has been drastically regulated.

MR. GODFREY ISAACS.  
MARCONI CO. OFFICIAL'S DEATH.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, April 17.  
The death is announced of Mr. Godfrey Isaacs.

[Mr. Godfrey Charles Isaacs was the managing director of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd., his qualifications for the post being those of a thorough acquaintance with European countries, acquired whilst travelling in connection with his father's firm of fruit and ship brokers.]

Mr. Isaacs acquired a mastery of many languages in the course of his travels and became acquainted with the characteristics of peoples of the continent. Upon retiring from his father's firm he continued to take considerable interest in business at home and abroad until 1910 when he accepted the post offered by Mr. Marconi.]

THIRTY-SEVEN STATES.  
ITALIAN KING ATTENDS CONFERENCE.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

ROME, April 17.  
The inaugural meeting of the International Parliamentary Commercial Conference was held at the Capitol in the presence of the King and Signor Mussolini, the Premier.

The meeting was attended by delegations representing thirty-seven states.

Signor Tittoni and Signor Mussolini made speeches of welcome.

The British, French, Belgian, Japanese and other delegates replied.

## MIMIC JUTLAND.

## FRISCO "CAPTURED AND DESTROYED."

## PACIFIC MANOEUVRES.

## "The Supreme Naval Spectacle of the Age."

The United States fleets, as a part of the Pacific manoeuvres, which are to terminate with a visit to Australia, have indulged in a mighty mimic battle off the Californian coast. Officials believe the photographic records obtained will reveal "the supreme naval spectacle of the age."

## VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Melbourne, April 17.  
The official functions in connection with the visit of the American fleet will not be "dry."

San Francisco, March 11.  
A significant sequel to the recent bitter controversy in the United States on the value of air-

craft when opposed to battleships in warfare is the terse statement that, figuratively, "Frisco was captured and utterly destroyed" in the early morning by an army aeroplane.

This hypothetical bombing of the city was one incident in the great military and naval displays participated in by the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets, who were holding their final manoeuvres before going to Hawaii and Australia.

There was a big battle off San Diego during the forenoon between the "Blue" and "Black" fleets, but just how many ships are to be reckoned as having been sunk or damaged will not be known until Admiral R. E. Coontz, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Fleet, who observed this mimic Jutland from on board the U.S.S. Seattle, makes his official report.

To-night every Californian port is filled with warships. Twenty thousand men are being given shore leave daily in rotation.

San Diego, March 11.  
At 3 p.m. Admiral Coontz called it a day as far as the mimic fighting was concerned.

Congratulating the units participating, he wireless: "Washington has asked for photographic records of what officials believe to be the supreme naval spectacle of the age."

COTTON INDUSTRY.  
(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, April 17.  
According to the Manchester Guardian the recent suggestion of Mr. Hammersley, M.P., that the industry might be improved by applying a more substantial proportion of Lancashire's spinning machinery to the use of Indian cotton, seems to have met with more opposition than support up to the present from spinners and manufacturers. It is pointed out that Lancashire merchants established themselves in the markets of the world as the sellers of the better qualities of cotton cloths and before Mr. Hammersley's idea for producing the cheapest cotton goods could be carried out new markets must be found, and that time the whole position might have changed.

The spinners say that a substantial increase in the use of Indian cotton in Lancashire would immediately inflate the price of such cotton and thus destroy any value of Mr. Hammersley's idea as a commercial proposition, and anyhow the cost of altering the mills would be prohibitive as a means of extracting the cotton industry from "a temporary impasse" though it might pay anyone building new mills to equip them for the spinning of Indian cotton to order and make a bid for the markets of Africa and the Far East.

JAPAN'S NAVY.  
Tokyo, April 17.  
The naval construction programme is as originally laid down in accordance with the Washington Agreement, but it is learnt authoritatively that only six first class cruisers will be laid down and two more ten thousand tonners, the Haguro and Ashigara, are contemplated.

Ships being constructed include the aeroplane carriers Akagi and Kaga, the cruisers (10,000 tons) Myoko and Nachi, the 7,100 tonners Fumatsuki, Kako, Aoba and Mimagasa and the 5,500 tonners Abukuma, Jinzu and Naka, as well as the destroyers, totalling 14,000 tons.

PRINCE OF WALES.  
DRIVING A TRAIN IN NIGERIA.

Manila, Nigeria April 17.  
The Prince of Wales arrived at midnight. The Prince drove a train for half an hour yesterday afternoon accompanied by a driver, who drove King Edward, when, as Prince of Wales he visited West Africa en route to India.

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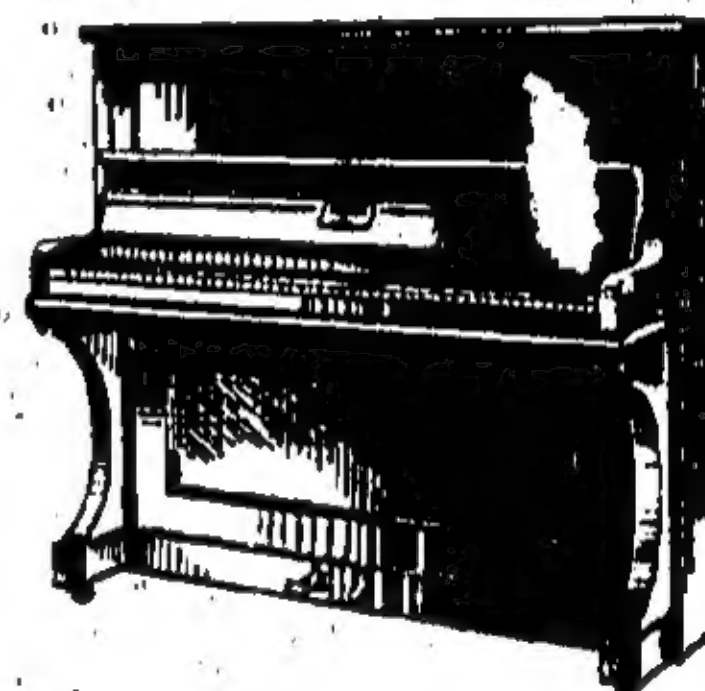
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OSBORNE WOOD LEAVES SPAIN

Osborne Wood, son of Governor-General Wood of the Philippine Islands, has left Europe, where he is said to have been heavily involved in gambling. He is shown saying goodbye to a friend as he boards the freighter West Chester at Valencia, Spain, bound for America.

German Leader.



HERR JARRES

Herr Jarres, formerly Vice-Chancellor of the German Republic, is one of the leading candidates for election as President of Germany, to succeed the late Fritz Ebert.



DR. WILLIAM HELD

A peculiar significance is attached to the attack by an ape on Dr. William Held, Chicago monkey gland operation specialist, whom he went to visit a shipment of monkeys to be used in a Chicago circus.



MRS. W.D. SHEPHERD

Mrs. William D. Shepherd, foster mother of "Billy" McClintock, millionaire orphan, was present in Chicago at the second investigation into the cause of the young man's death. She refused to answer all questions.



MAY GOLDHAAR

May Goldhaar will never smile again. A year and a half ago the pretty little 12-year-old girl, whose face was always wreathed with smiles, was struck by a motor car and dragged 25 feet. Her skull was fractured. A brain operation saved her life, but her lips are forever paralyzed. As a result, a jury has returned a \$5,000 verdict in her behalf against the owner of the car. At the left she is shown in a smiling pose of two years ago. At the right, she is shown as she tried to smile when told of the verdict.



PRINCE BIBESCO

Prince Antoine Bibesco, the Roumanian Minister in Washington, has arrived to resume his diplomatic duties. He is the son of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, the former Premier of Britain.



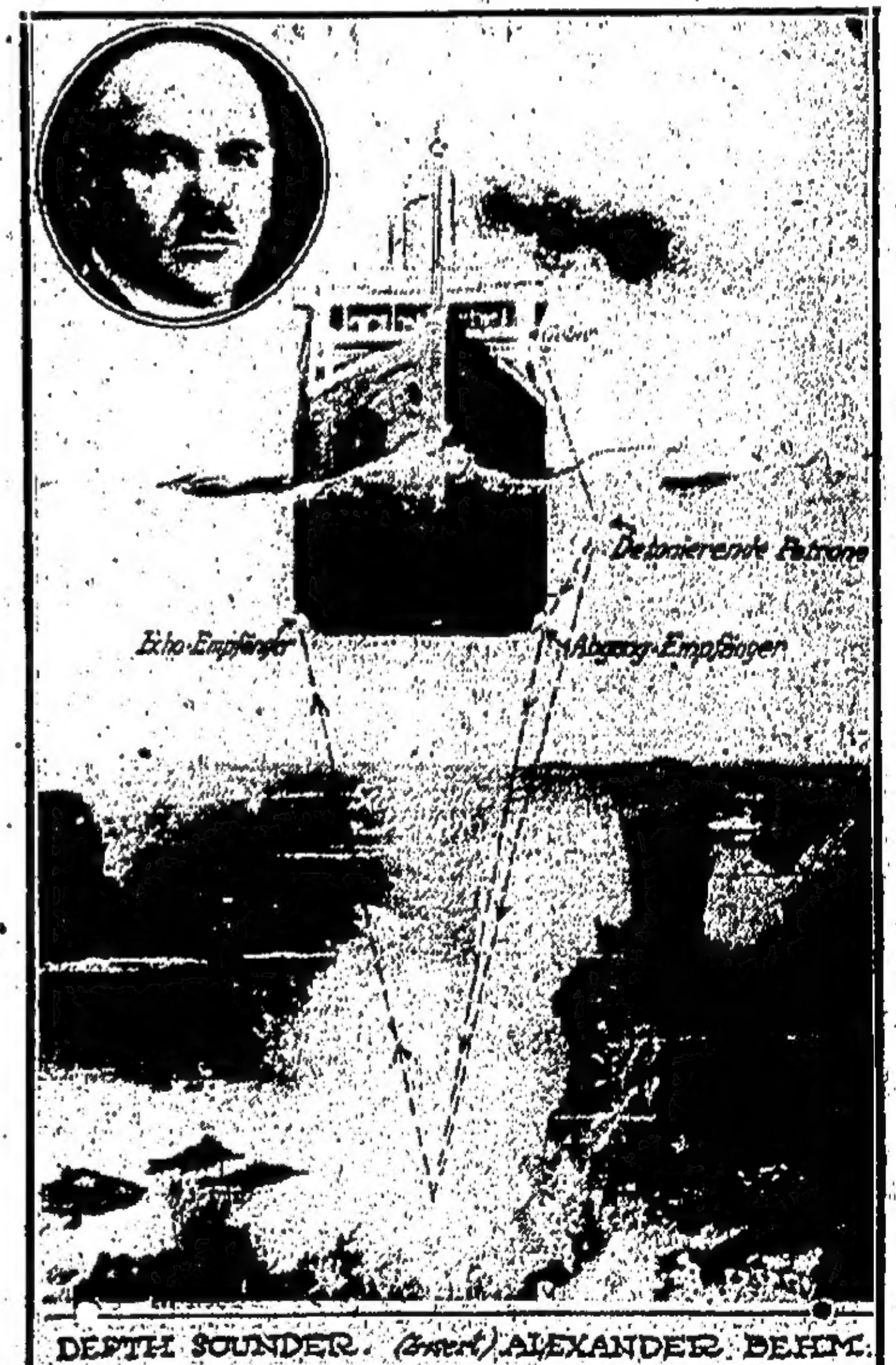
SCHENECTADY EARTHQUAKE

This apartment house in Schenectady, New York, felt so severely the earthquake which rocked the Eastern coast recently, that it fell more than a foot out of plumb. The walls are twisted and the entire structure may have to be torn down as it is no longer safe for habitation.

Caruso's Widow's  
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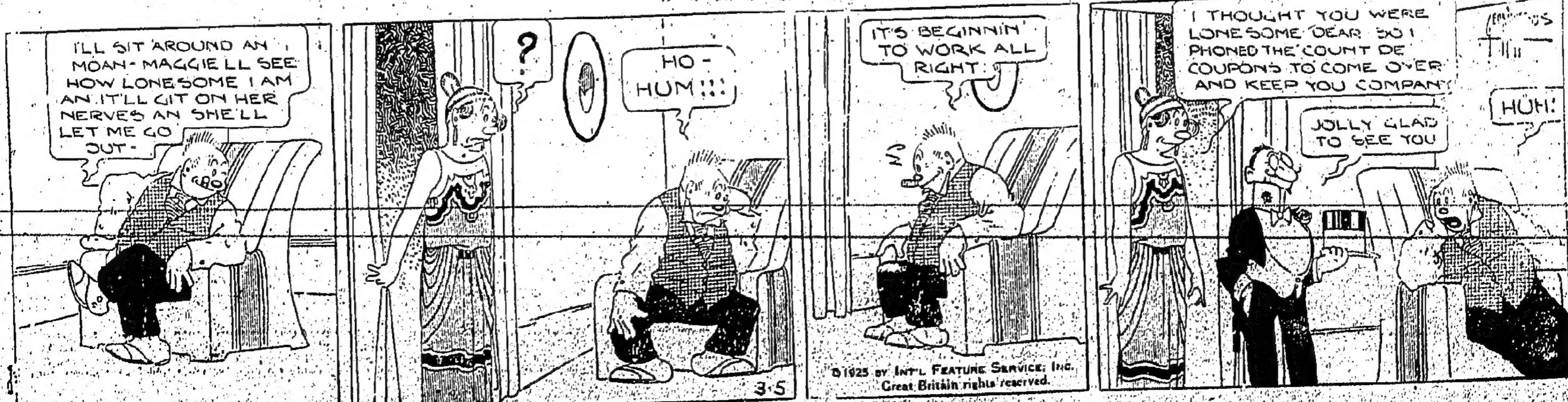
Mrs. Dorothy Caruso Ingram, widow of Enrico Caruso, famous tenor, has filed suit in New York against the United States Government for \$50,000, claiming that during 1918-1920 the Government wrongfully collected that amount as tax from the singer's income from royalties on the sale of phonograph records.



DEPTH SOUNDER. (COPY) ALEXANDER BEHM.

Alexander Behm, noted German scientist, has invented a machine for utilizing acoustic properties for measuring depths. The sound waves from an exploded cartridge are recorded in fractional seconds, the apparatus automatically recording the depth of the sea over which a ship is travelling, or the height of an airship over the ground.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

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# ROMANCE of the MOTHER of her COUNTRY



MARTHA WASHINGTON - (FROM THE FAMOUS PAINTING IN THE WHITE HOUSE)

Story of Martha Dandridge, the Virginia Girl Who Became the Wife of George Washington and the Mistress of Mt. Vernon.

(BY RENE BACHEL)

One engagement ring—two pounds, sixteen shillings.

It is the most interesting item in all the accounts of personal expenditure which George Washington so carefully kept throughout his life. The ring was for Martha Dandridge Custis, and was purchased in May, 1759. Presumably the lady was satisfied with it, though the price was certainly modest.

Martha, the daughter of a Virginia gentleman named John Dandridge, was born in New Kent County, in the year 1732. When a girl of seventeen she fell in love with a youth only a few months older than herself, Daniel Parke Custis, the son and heir of John C. Custis, who was one of the King's councillors for Virginia. The boy was much infatuated with her, but his father refused to consider the match. He had other plans for his son, having decided that he should marry Evelyn, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Colonel William Byrd, of Westover.

It was the old story of love's young dream and stern parental opposition, and it worked out in the usual way. Mr. Custis carried his opposition so far as to threaten to disinherit his son; but the boy, determined to have the girl he wanted, was equally obstinate, and finally the father yielded, even going so far as to write, "I give my free consent to the union of my son with Miss Martha Dandridge."

Virginia's wealthiest widow. And so these two were wed. But in the summer of 1757 the young husband died. In the meantime his father had passed away, and Martha, at twenty-five years of age, found herself the richest widow in Virginia, owning a fine mansion in Williamsburg, a plantation near the city, many slaves, and \$100,000 in bonds and mortgages. She had two children, a boy and a girl.

She was in the full bloom of youthful womanhood, pretty rather than beautiful, somewhat below middle height, with a lovely figure, dark hair and hazel eyes, a winning smile, and frank and engaging manner.

At that time she had never seen her destined second husband, and their first meeting was the result of purest accident. On a pleasant day early in May, 1759, Colonel George Washington was on his way from Fort DuRoi to Williamsburg, for the purpose of laying certain military matters before the Governor and Council of Virginia. He was in uniform, and accompanied only by a negro servant. While crossing the ferry over the Pamunkey River he was accosted by an elderly gentleman named Chamberlayne, who invited him to rest a while at his house in the neighbourhood.

Washington at first declined, pleading urgent business, but finally consented to stop for dinner. On reaching the house, he was introduced to a charming young widow, Mrs. Custis, who was staying there as a guest. While dinner was in progress his orderly held the horses at the horsebox outside, ready for immediate departure. But the orderly waited and waited, and his master did not reappear. The sun sank in the west, and still Washington lingered. He was so fascinated by Mrs. Custis that he could not tear himself away. The upshot of the matter was that he allowed himself to be persuaded to stay over night, and, going on to Williamsburg the next morning, he returned as quickly as possible, remaining at the Chamberlaynes' for several days.

No Longer An Ineligible Suitor. Washington was then twenty-six years old. The widow Custis was a few months his senior. He was over six feet tall, muscular, with a long face and large nose, his blue-gray eyes overshadowed by heavy brows. His face was somewhat pock-marked, from smallpox contracted in Barbados while he was there, seven years earlier, with his invalid half-brother, Lawrence. The chin was strong, and only now and then did his firmly-set lips reveal defective teeth.

Such was the physical aspect of the young officer who lent his heart to the fair child of Daniel Parke Custis. He had lost it several times before, as history and his own rather mushy love poems record. But in the previous instances his addresses had been rejected, largely as it would appear, because he was poor, and therefore regarded as an undesirable party. At the time when he came to court the widow Custis he was a rich man, having inherited the Mount Vernon estate, as well as other property, from his half-brother, Lawrence.

Martha Dandridge Custis was a great matrimonial "catch," and doubtless Washington, who highly appreciated the wealth of money, was not ungrateful of the fortune she would bring him. But unquestionably he was sincerely in love with her. He was a man of strong passions, and there is reason to believe that his wooing was brisk and rapid, inasmuch as he bought the engagement ring before the end of the first month of May in which the two first met.

Nevertheless, no immediate announcement of the engagement was made. Daniel Parke Custis had been dead less than a year. When, eight months later, they were married, Martha was somewhat nervous about comments which she thought likely to be made; and she explained to a friend that the reason for hastening the union was that her property affairs were getting mixed and needed a man to look after them.

A Great Society Event. They were married at the widow's house in Williamsburg, January 17, 1759, old style—according to the modern calendar, January 28—by the Rev. David Mowbray, rector of the neighbouring parish church of St. Peter's. The wedding, needless to say, was attended by everybody who was anybody, the Governor of Virginia coming in a coach and six.

The Custis mansion in Williamsburg was commonly called the White House, or sometimes the Six Chimney House. This is a rather odd fact, inasmuch as Martha was the only President's wife who was destined never to occupy the White House at Washington. Of course, the latter was not a white house until it was painted white after the destruction by the British in 1814. But it is not true that she was never in the White House at Washington, for she and her husband went through it when it was nearing completion, on a tour of inspection.

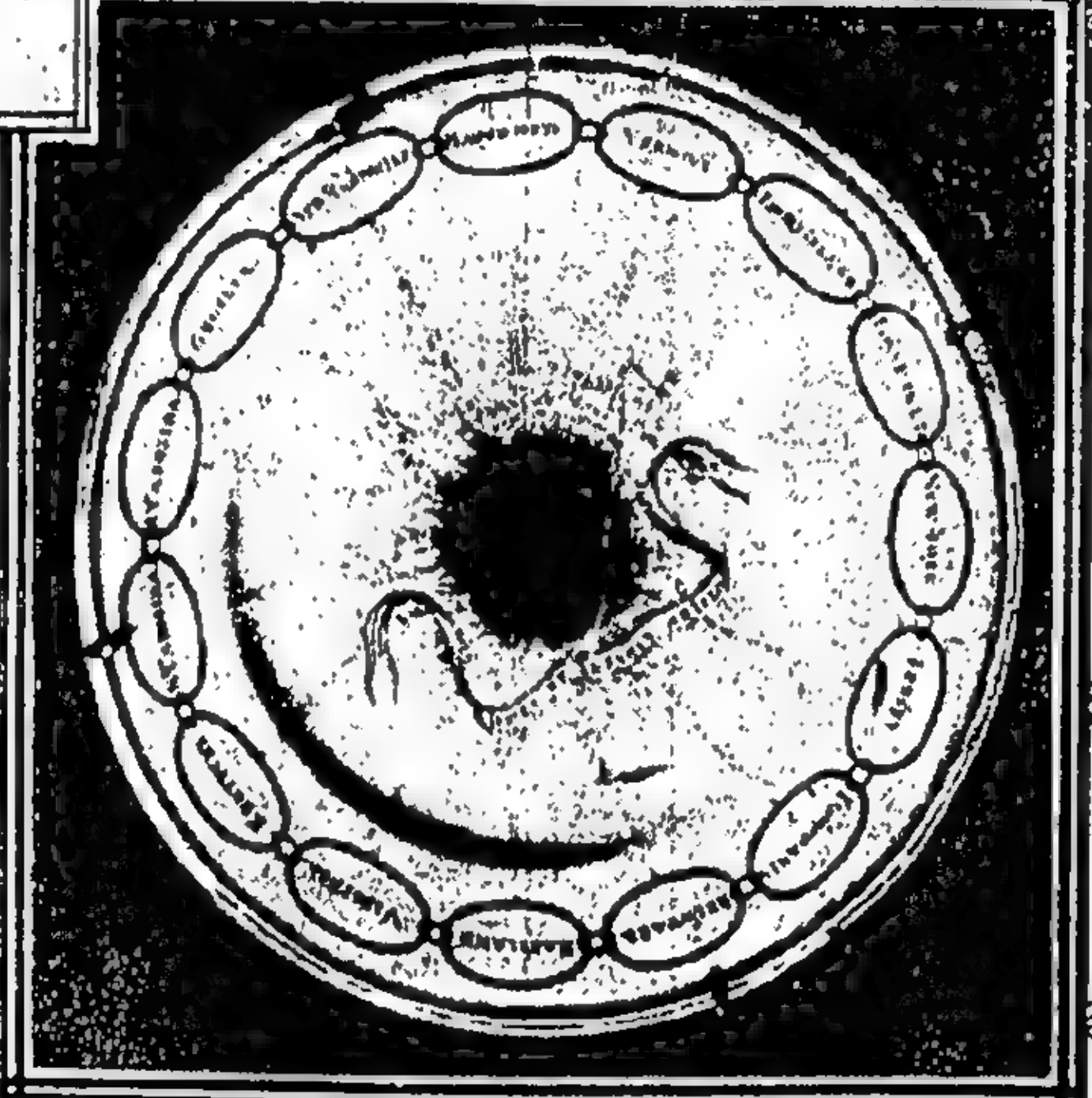
Washington and his bride lived in the Custis mansion until the close of the session of the Virginia House of Burgesses, to which he was a delegate. Then he took her and her two children to Mount Vernon, which was thereafter their home. The children were named John Parke Custis and Martha Parke Custis. At fifteen years of age, Martha, Parke Custis, nicknamed "Patsy," died of consumption. Her brother John served as aide-de-camp to General Washington during the Revolution. He died in November, 1781, of "camp fever" (typhus), contracted at Yorktown.

John Parke Custis had married a lady of Lord Baltimore's family, and by her he had two children, a son and a daughter, who survived him. The boy was George Washington Parke Custis; the girl was Eleanor (Nelly) Custis. Upon the death of their father, General Washington adopted them.

Martha's Grandchildren. There is a curious general misapprehension in regard to the boy and girl whom General Washington adopted. The understanding entertained by most people is that they were Mrs. Washington's children by her first husband. But, as here made clear, they were not; they were her grandchildren. It is worth mentioning here, by way of parenthesis, that Nelly Custis married General Washington's secretary, a young man named Lewis, and lived to have grandchildren of her own. Her brother George inherited from his father the



MARTHA AS GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BRIDE - FROM A PAINTING FORMERLY OWNED BY GEORGE W. PARKES CUSTIS



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estate at Arlington (across the Potomac from the city of Washington); and had an only daughter, Mary, who became the wife of Robert E. Lee, the leader of the Confederacy.

The Mount Vernon estate to-day covers only two hundred and thirty-seven acres. In George Washington's time its area was about twelve and a half square miles, and many farms were embraced within its limits. It was a baronial domain, and belonging to its master were more than one hundred and fifty slaves. He did not approve of slavery, however, and was often heard to say that he would give "his people," as he called them, their freedom, were it not for the fact that the "dower negroes," originally the property of his wife, had become so materially mixed with his own black chattels that much suffering must necessarily result from a general manumission.

The mansion at Mount Vernon, overlooking the Potomac, was called "Martha's" and was a typical "great house" of the time, a very luxurious residence—though it was not until after the Revolution that Washington added the library at the south end and the "banquet hall" at the north end.

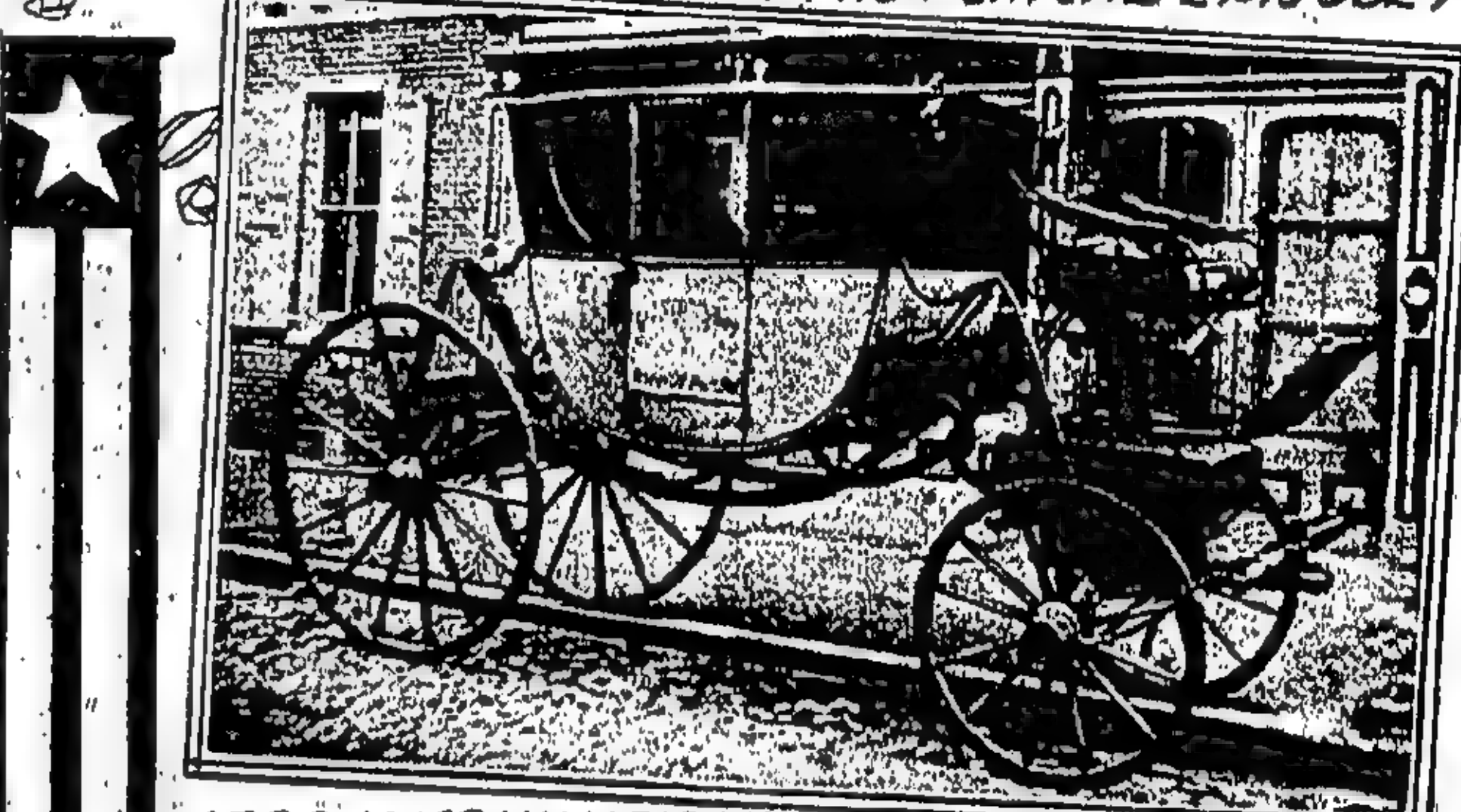
Apart from the slaves' quarters there were several outlying buildings, in one of which, the "spinning house" (which still stands), sixteen negro women were kept continually at work, spinning and weaving materials for clothing.

Discomforts Of Mount Vernon. The estate was practically self-sufficient. Even the clothing worn by the master and mistress was made—most of it, at all events—at Mount Vernon. The wool was grown by Washington's own sheep. Unlimbed wood for fuel was obtainable from the nearby forest. Deer, wild turkeys, and other game were plentiful; the river was full of fish and oysters. The high cost of living never bothered Martha.

And yet, from our present-day point of view, life at Mount Vernon was attended by many discomforts. The luxurious mansion had not a single bathroom. There was no running water in the house; no plumbing of any kind. All the water needed for bathing or other purposes came from a well, and was pitched in pails. There was, of course, no central heating. Indeed, there were not even any stoves. In all Virginia at that period there was only one stove—a big one, for burning wood, in the House of



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MARTHA WASHINGTON'S HOME AT MOUNT VERNON



MRS. WASHINGTON'S DAUGHTER

Burgess, which was regarded as a curiosity. A philosopher with an inventive turn of mind in Philadelphia, Dr. Franklin, had devised a new sort of heater which he called a "bass-burner," but most people thought it a crank idea.

It is mighty cold at Mount Vernon in the winter time; but the best Martha could do in drif weather was to keep big fires of wood going in the principal rooms. Think how chilly the hallways must have been. Dr-r-r! It makes one shiver to imagine it. And the bedrooms in which there were no fireplaces.

There was a fireplace in the bedroom which Martha occupied with her husband, and before daybreak on winter mornings a slave woman would come in quietly and light a fire in it.

Lights and Cooking. For illumination in the evenings Martha was obliged to depend upon whale-oil lamps and candles, the latter moulded from tallow furnished by the Mount Vernon sheep. When she went to bed, she took a lighted candle with her, and other folks in the house did likewise.

The kitchen (as anybody who visits Mount Vernon to-day may see) was detached from the mansion, being connected with the latter by a covered way. There was no range. Martha, if she had seen one, would not have known what it was meant for, inasmuch as the apparatus of the kind had not then been invented. The cooking was done, in a huge open fireplace, which hung big iron pots, this culinary equipment being

supplemented by a contrivance resembling a Dutch oven, which was set directly upon a bed of live embers.

Notwithstanding a lack of modern culinary conveniences, Mrs. Washington had the reputation of being a capital cook, and her puddings and pies were famous the country round. She did not depend, to support the preparation of a dinner. At Mount Vernon only two daily meals were served. Dinner was at 3 p.m., and after the custom of that period, everything, including the dessert, was put on the table at once. Usually Martha would carve the principal roast herself. It is painful to be obliged to state that the best people in those days ate with their knives.

Mrs. Washington had a set of furniture with three times (then deemed very luxurious) table furniture, but they did not serve well for eating such things as peas.

The mistress of Mount Vernon had at her disposal a chariot drawn by four horses, in which, going to and from Alexandria, or visiting neighbouring estates, she must have made an impressive appearance, with coachman, and footman, and a postilion riding ahead—all three of them negro slaves dressed in the Washington livery of scarlet, white and gold.

Martha Starts For New York.

Mrs. Washington was not able to attend her husband's inauguration in New York, March 4, 1789. She was busy at Mount Vernon through April and the first half of May, putting the affairs of the household in order and shipping china, linen, silverware, and other necessities to Manhattan Island.

On the seventeenth day of May she started for New York in a coach and four, under escort of a troop of horse, taking with her the two grandchildren, Nelly and George Custis. Her entire journey resembled a royal progress, she passed through villages through which she passed receiving her with firing of cannon and pealing of bells, while young girls scattered flowers in her path. The weather was balmy and beautiful.

At Elizabeth she was received at the house of Governor Livingston, and next morning her husband, accompanied by a number of distinguished gentlemen, came to meet her. They arrived in time for breakfast, having left Manhattan Island at 5 a.m.

After breakfast the party went in carriages to "Elizabeth Point," where they embarked in Washington's state barge. On reaching New York, which was at that time a metropolis of about 30,000 inhabitants, they were saluted by the firing of thirteen guns at the Battery, and cheering crowds filled the streets while they were driven to the house at No. 8 Cherry Street which had been made ready for the President and

his wife. On the second evening after her arrival Martha gave her first "drawing room" or levee. Mrs. Washington had just passed her fifty-eighth birthday, and was inclined to stoutness, yet retained not a little of her former comeliness. Three weeks after her arrival in New York, her husband was taken very ill with a carbuncle on his thigh. He thought he was going to die; his sufferings were intense, and he was obliged to undergo a painful surgical operation. For several weeks the sidewalk in front of the house was spewed with straw, and a chair was stretched across Cherry Street.

A Move To The Quaker City. Congress having decided to remove the capital to Philadelphia for a period of ten years, while the city of Washington was being prepared as a permanent seat of the government, the President and his wife transferred their residence to the Quaker City, where they occupied a house on the south side of Market Street, near Sixth, which had been tenanted a few years earlier by Benedict Arnold. It was a large double house of red brick, with a wall enclosing a garden shaded by lofty trees.

In 1793 came a great epidemic of yellow fever, which by September wiped out more than three thousand lives in Philadelphia. The President, as he wrote in a letter at the time, found himself and his household "practically blockaded," and, fearing for the safety of his family, he took them to Mount Vernon, making the trip in four days, which was considered remarkably speed. By November the fever had nearly died out, and they were able safely to return to Philadelphia.

Death Of Her Husband. On the untidy day of March, 1797, Washington, having surrounded the curule of state, journeyed with the family back to Mount Vernon, this time to stay. Martha was delighted to be at home again; but, alas! she had less than three years of happiness before her. Her husband suffered an attack of acute laryngitis, being taken ill December 13, 1799, and died within twenty-four hours, being then in his sixty-eighth year.

Martha took the shock with great fortitude, but declared that she would not long survive her husband. After his death, she retired to a small chamber on the third floor of the mansion at Mount Vernon, the "single small window of which, looking out toward the south and down the Potomac, commanded a view of the hero's tomb. She survived him two and a half years. Long afterwards her remains and those of the General were transferred from the old tomb to a new one, where to-day, in two white marble sarcophagi, they lie side by side.



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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs. Lamert Bros. are holding an auction sale of valuable household furniture on Monday next at 2.45 p. m. at No. 8, Broadwood Road, Happy Valley.

The third annual athletic sports meeting of the Cheung Chow Government School is to be held on the football ground on Cheung Chow Island on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p. m.

The sensational trial in London which involved the famous Rajah Singh of Kashmir, otherwise known as the "mysterious Mr. A." in a £150,000 suit, has had little effect in his native country beyond starting a rush of tourists to Kashmir.

For the 24 hours ended Thursday last, one case of smallpox, one of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever—all Chinese—were notified to the Health Authorities.

Bill was pugnacious, but he didn't live long. A few days after his funeral his widow was hanging pensively over her front gate. A neighbour came along and stopped to commiserate with her. "Well, poor Bill," she remarked, "he'll be 'titting the 'arp with the hangels now." "Not," said the widow, "more likely 'e'll be 'titting the hangels with the 'arp."

With the pound sterling going up, or the dollar, coming down, whichever way it may be looked at, gold coins have begun to dribble back to the Bank of England. The experts on the subject calculate that about 5,000,000 sovereigns are out "on hoard." Now that matters financial are tending toward normal, people who were frightened by the bogey of "valueless" paper are letting go their hidden supplies of gold little by little. Perhaps they realized that even when Great Britain gets back on to a gold basis the convenient treasury note will still be the current exchange and as good as gold for all daily purposes.

The names of Britto & Co., Ltd., and the Hung Hing Cheung Co., Ltd., have been struck off the register of companies.

Boundaries to the western, central and eastern districts, for the purposes of rider-main water supply, are newly defined in the "Gazette."

An order published in the "London Gazette" of February 10 amending the Foreign Marriages Order in Council, 1913, is mentioned in the "Hongkong Government Gazette."

A duel with swords took place in Paris between two Italian journalists named Sarti and Pirazolli over an article written by Sarti concerning the Decorative Arts Exhibition, to be held in Paris. Sarti was wounded in the arm, and this ended the combat.

It is interesting to mention that the oldest Christian Mission in Singapore is the Portuguese, which was founded by the late Father Maia from Macao on February 6, 1825, just six years after the foundation of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles. Father Maia was a contemporary of the late Sir José d'Almeida, who was a merchant and the first Portuguese Consul in Singapore. One of the streets in town is named after him. Sir José is also credited as being the first to discover the use of gutta serena for submarine and telegraph cable.

A Tasmanian "industry" is the promotion of the big "sweepstake" known as "Tattersalls." It embraces all turf events of any magnitude in Australia, and while the Federal Post Office sternly banned, and bans, postal matters addressed to its headquarters, the Federal Treasurer levied at the source a tax upon the prize money. This Commonwealth has consented to forgo, and as it amounts to something like £120,000 a year, needy Tasmania, like Pooch Bah in The Mikado, can do nothing but pocket the insult.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the ordinance amending the Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894.

Immigration to Canada during the month of January totalled 2,007, made up of 543 Britishers, 632 Americans, and 832 from other countries, according to a report issued by the Department of Immigration and Colonization. In addition, there was recorded 1,715 returning Canadians from the United States.

The Canton Gazette states that, due to the exchange shops combining to advance the rate of exchange between Hongkong notes and subsidiary coins, the tendency towards an increased rate continues, the highest rate touched being 31.2 per cent. Copper coins, owing to illicit smuggling, have become cheaper, 160 pieces being the equivalent of a dollar.

Blackmail is quite as bad morally as murder.—Sir Ernest Wild.

Between education and peace there is a very close connection.—Mr. J. H. Hudson, M.P.

I doubt if a man with a large head is ever below average ability.—Mr. Adolphe Abrahams.

The cause which captures youth is the cause which will capture the future.—Mr. Morgan Jones.

Other countries are educating the taste of the general public; why not England?—Lady Bingham.

The art of profiteering is one of the most skilled amongst the few who control the raw material market.—Mr. Ben Turner.

If I had a motorcycle I would have as many ladies on the pillion as the machine would accommodate.—Sir E. Charles, K.C.

A great many people fail, not because they lack brains or energy, but because they do not stick to one thing.—Lord Riddell.

Every time there is a conflict between will power and imagination it is always imagination that has the better of it without exception.—M. Coué.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. R. A. Jeffray and Mr. L. A. Scores arrived in the Colony by the Mishima Maru on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hewitt, continue their homeward trip from Shanghai by the Empress of Australia.

Signor Carpi has chartered the Yoko Maru to bring the members of his Grand Opera Company to Tientsin from Japan. The Company have done exceedingly well in Japan, and will no doubt be not less successful in Tientsin than it was on its previous visit. The Company is stronger than it was last time, especially in regard to the principals, but many old friends will reappear.

Major John Macready, D.S.C., Beds and Herts Regiment, serving on the staff of the China Command, Hongkong, who has just been promoted to that rank, was almost at the top of the captains' list of the army. He was commissioned in May, 1907, and promoted captain in 1913. He served in France and Belgium during the late war, was wounded in action, mentioned in despatches four times and received the D.S.C., 1914 Star with clasp, Order of Leopold, Belgian War Cross and the two war medals.

One of the most popular social events of the season has been the Shanghai Customs Club fancy dress ball, and this year it promises to be even more so. It takes place to-day, starting at 9.15 p. m., and there are to be prizes for the prettiest and most original costumes. Another Customs Club function which is certain to attract a great deal of interest is a concert by Herbert Cave and Miss which is to take place on Friday, April 24, at 9.15 p. m. In addition to these distinguished artists, it is hoped that a considerable amount of local talent will be secured.

The annual business meeting of the Tientsin Women's Club was held on the afternoon of April 7, at the Masonic Temple, at which time the various officers and chairmen gave their reports and the officers for next year's session were elected. Mrs. E. K. Lowry gave a most inspiring President's message and the Club with hearty unanimity re-elected her at President for the third session of 1925-26. The other officers are as follows: Vice President, Mrs. F. C. Ross; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Howard Payne; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. T. Orman; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Lockley; Members at Large, Mrs. P. K. B. Young, Mrs. R. D. Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Montague Ede are to leave for Home at the end of the month.

Mrs. W. J. Hawker and children left for Home yesterday by the Empress of Australia.

The waxen figure of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was one of numerous effigies destroyed in a disastrous fire at Madame Tussaud's on March 19.

The American Women's Club will entertain toiffin Mrs. Jacob Gould Schurman, wife of the Minister to China to-day April 18, in the Club Rooms, 66 Szechuen Road.

Says "Truth" of March 18.—Prince George's throat has been giving trouble for some weeks past, and on his return from Sussex to Buckingham Palace it was decided to operate for removal of the tonsils. This was successfully done on Monday. From the surgeon's point of view it is a trifling matter; but, of course, Prince George's departure for the East is again deferred indefinitely.

In view of the fact that Sir George Maxwell Chief Secretary of the Federated Malay States Government, was at one time mentioned as a possible Governor of Hongkong, the following from the "Straits Echo" (Penang) makes interesting reading: "It is almost inconceivable that the Colonial Office will allow Sir George Maxwell, who is just in the prime of life, to retire next year, age-limit or no age-limit, without making an effort to retain him either out here in Malaya or as Governor of some other Colony. To do so would be sheer waste of the very finest Imperial material. Nor can we imagine Sir George himself settling down to any life of ease and dignity at Home. He might, with pleasure to himself and satisfaction to the many admirers of his versatile pen, take up literature for a bit and write some more sketches in the vein of 'Malay Forests,' the best book about this country, which by the way is now out of print, though Blackwood's are bringing out another edition almost immediately." But in the long run, we feel sure, he would be like a lost soul without a big show to run and a progressive country to administer. Moreover, the Empire cannot afford to let officers of his outstanding qualities retire because the birthday book says they are 56, when they are actually in brain and body far younger and fresher than most men fifteen years their juniors.

The Committee of St. George's Society is to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph on Thursday next at 12.45 p. m. Members are requested to attend.

Necrological services followed by a parade in honour of the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, first provisional President of China, were held under the auspices of the Chinese Association at the Grand Opera House, Manila, on Sunday last.

The Cunard liner Mauretania sailed from Southampton for New York on March 21. Among the passengers booked to travel by her were Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, infant and nurse; Major C. D. Fowler; and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gale.

The Duke of York has undertaken to preside at the annual banquet of the Japan Society on June 25. The banquet will be made the occasion to bid farewell to the Japanese Ambassador, who is leaving England in August for Tokyo.

Miss H. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor of the Royal Naval Yard, Hongkong, sat for her examination in Pinyin's shorthand in January last at Hongkong in Theory and Speed, and she received yesterday from Messrs. Pitman's and Sons Bath, England, a 1st class certificate for speed and 2nd class for Theory. Miss Taylor received her original tuition in shorthand at Rosyth, Scotland.

An element of romance is associated with the death of Miss Susannah Barlow, of Windsor, who died at the age of 101. In early life, it is stated, she was disappointed in love, and for 80 years she carefully kept in the event of her marriage. The garment was never worn, and when she died it was laundered and utilised as her shroud.

Mr. R. V. Meyer has arrived in Shanghai to join the firm of N. Lazarus, refracting and manufacturing opticians, to take the place of Mr. H. Tobias, manager, who is going home on leave, his first in twelve years. Mr. Meyer has been manager of branches of the company in Hongkong and Singapore for several years. He is a Fellow of the Spectacle Makers' Company, London, and a Fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians and a Freeman of the City of London. He has brought out with him from London considerable modern equipment.

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### "BUTTERFLY."

Some one once wrote that the greatest stories—stories that probably never would be written and that were better than any that could be written, were taking place behind the walls of the homes of the humble in our community. This author envisioned joys, and griefs, and happiness and tragedy all stirring the emotions of those who in real life create no ripple in the great expanse of human endeavour.

When one sees "Butterfly," Universal-Jewel which will be shown at the World Theatre on Wednesday next, one is convinced that the unknown writer in question is right in every contention except one, and that is that such stories might be written. "Butterfly" appeals as being a record taken from some home and from the lives of real persons.

The original story was written by Kathleen Norris, and Clarence L. Brown directed for the screen the interpretation of the thoroughly human notes that makes the story one of unusual power.

Laura La Plante, Ruth Clifford, Kenneth Harlan and Norman Kerry were selected as the featured players of the cast, which includes such well known screen players as Cesare Gravina, Marguerite Livingston, Freeman Wood and Roy Barries.

### NEW ROLE FOR LA PLANTE.

Miss La Plante has a rôle considerably different from those in which she has made her spectacular successes as a Universal star. That is, it is different in part, for at first she is seen as a joyous, carefree younger sister whose great ambition is to keep house for the elder sister and to become a great violinist. The girl is orphaned and the elder sister is employed in a secretarial capacity by a man with whom she is in love, and whom she believes to be in love with her.

As the story progresses Miss La Plante is seen as a young woman of wilful disregard of others; selfish and determined to attain her own desires regardless of the costs to those who love her. It is a new rôle for the younger star and the manner in which she acquires herself is a revelation as to her versatility. Miss Clifford as the self-sacrificing elder sister gives a fine performance. Kerry is well cast as Kronski, the violinist who is destined to become the sister's potent factor in the lives of the sister, Kenneth Harlan, too, is well cast as the employer who marries Butterfly.

The story carries the self-sacrifice of the elder sister and the selfishness of the younger, through the giving up by the elder of the man she loves, because the younger sister wants him. After the marriage the younger sister decides that she loves Kronski. Then the elder sister rebels. The result is a scene which afforded all four of the principals great opportunities.

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### SPORTS MEETING.

The growth of the Tutorial Institute of Hongkong from a small beginning during the past six years was shown at a large gathering of teachers, pupils and friends on the Queen's College Recreation Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon for the first annual athletic sports of the Institute.

A programme of twenty events was worked off under ideal weather conditions and keen competition was shown by the boys taking part. A good start has been made and much should be expected of the Institute in future in the field of sports.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, who constituted the sports committee and competitors on the success of the first meeting. He hoped the boys would take a keen interest in sports in future and maintain the reputation of the Institute.

The results were as under:—High Jump (Senior).—1, Kwong Kwok-lun (5 feet); 2, Lau Yee-shan; 3, Chan How-leung. High Jump (Junior).—1, Ip Shui-choon (4 feet 7½ inches); 2, Liang Chin-kin; 3, Chan Kwok-ching.

Long Jump (Senior).—1, Lay Chan-kam (15 feet 7 inches); 2, Chan How-leung; 3, Lau Yee-shan.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, Ip Shui-choon (14 feet 8 inches); 2, Chan Kwok-ching; 3, Liang Chin-kin.

100 yds. (Senior).—Chan How-leung; 2, Lok Wing-fai; 3, Ho Chai-kwong.

100 yds. (Junior).—1, Ip Shui-choon; 2, Chan Kwok-ching; 3, Mok Kin-ting.

100 yds. Small Boys.—1, Ng Ping-kai; 2, Kō Wui-tung; 3, Ng Ping-yiu.

120 yds. Hurdles (Senior).—1, Chan How-leung; 2, Law Kai-ai; 3, Lok Wing-fai.

120 yds. Hurdles (Junior).—1, Ip Shui-choon; 2, Chan Kwok-ching; 3, Mok Kin-ting.

220 yds. (Senior).—1, Chan How-leung; 2, Lee Po-chi; 3, Lau Yee-shan.

220 yds. (Junior).—1, Ng Ping-kai; 2, Ko Win-tung; 3, Ng Ping-yiu.

440 yds. (Senior).—1, Chan How-leung; 2, Man Ping-fat; 3, Tam Kin-hong.

440 yds. (Junior).—1, Chan Kwok-ching; 2, Chan Yee-chun; 3, Ip Shui-choon.

Putting the Shot.—1, Tam Kung-mong (40 feet); 2, Ho Chai-kwong; 3, Tam Kin-hong.

Old Boys' Race.—1, Leung Foy; 2, Lau Sui-wa; 3, Lee Kwok-lam.

Tug of War.—Class 8. Half Mile.—Tam Kin-hing; 2, Tam Kin-mong; 3, Chan Kwok-ching.

Inter-class Team Race.—Class 2. Small Boys Mathematical Race.—1, Ko Wu-tung; 2, Chan Kin-ming; 3, Fok Hui-chui.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS:

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

THE Committee of the Society will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph on ST. GEORGE'S DAY, April 23rd, at 12.45 p. m.

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## DANCE IN STYLE.

## SOME VALUABLE HINTS.

There are many people who take a pleasure in dancing and indulge in it frequently, but who never really dance. What is, then, that essential something that distinguishes the graceful expert in the crowded ball-room from the ambling complaisance or the painful athleticism of the tyro? There are, of course, many differences, for there are many qualities that build up a good dancer: "Rhythmique" in a London paper has said that "the first and essential difference that forces itself upon the careful observer is the capacity to walk."

This may seem very strange for surely we can all walk; but when we come to dancing, the simplest thing to do is the most difficult for the casual performer to achieve. It is the basis of practically every step in the modern fox-trot and an appreciable factor in good modern walking.

## STRIDE FROM THE HIPS.

If you happen to be sitting quietly, just for a few moments, in any smart ball-room, it will be worth while to study the dancers as they pass. When you have noted the minor details, just have a look at the dancing and see which couple you notice first. It is bound to be a slim, silent pair, gliding along with those long, graceful, effortless strides that have made the beautiful modern fox-trot the goal of attainment to which dancers aspire. The movement of this couple is the perfect dance-walk. Its secret is very simple and perfection comes with just two things: the stride from the hips and the correct balance.

The first of these—which is, if anything, the more important—needs very little explanation. A large percentage of women dancers and still a greater number of men, walk from their knees; perhaps this fault amongst women is more obvious on account of the dress, but as the skirts get shorter there will be little room for criticism in this direction. This mode of dancing means that the steps are shortened, they incline to jerkiness and lack freedom and which, to say the least about it, is hardly pleasing to the eye. But if you practice the easy swinging movement from the hips (which doesn't mean that you must walk without any knee articulation at all), you will go a long way towards achieving the lovely, smooth, wavelike effect that is such a pleasure to watch and experience.

A simple exercise that can be undertaken in any bedroom, and one that will help to get this effect is as follows:—

Stand firmly on one foot, get a good balance (by extending the arms like a tight-rope walker if necessary), and swing the other leg backwards and forwards from the hip, quite freely, and fairly rapidly, with the ankles almost touching one another each time they pass in the swing. Do this standing on each foot in turn for a few minutes every day. It is wonderful how soon an improvement is noticed.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE.

Balance, which is a little harder to learn, simply means the correct placing of the weight of the body first on one foot and then on the other; in other words, if you have to stand by yourself you will not have to grip a solid partner violently to prevent yourself from wobbling. An excellent exercise for this is to stand with feet well apart, not sideways, but one in front and one behind, in a straight line. Balance yourself comfortably, first on one foot and then on the other, when you feel confident, make a half turn on one foot, so that now you face in the opposite direction, but keeping the relative position of the legs the same. Continue this turning movement, first on one foot then on the other, for as many times as possible in the space available, always keeping the relative position of the feet the same. It should be as if the legs were like an open pair of scissors. It should be borne in mind when turning that if the left foot is placed in front the turn should be towards the right, and vice-versa. The first exercise is equally good for balance as well as freedom of movement.

By following the above instructions, a graceful and correct style will be imparted to the dancing.

P. H. SHAW,  
Principal of the Shaw  
Dancing Academy  
Hongkong.

An officer and a lawyer were talking of a disastrous battle. The former was lamenting the number of brave soldiers who fell on the occasion; when the lawyer observed, "that those who lived by the sword must expect to die by the sword."

"By similar rule," replied the officer, "those who live by the law must expect to die by the law."

## CHEFOO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

April 8.

At a Meeting of the Stewards of the Chefoo Race Club held on the 14th. March, following resolutions with regard to the Spring Gymkhana were agreed to:—

1. That the Spring Gymkhana be held on the 5th. and 6th. June, commencing at 2.30 p.m. each day.

2. That there shall be at least six races each day.

3. That these races shall include the "Ladies Race" and "The Hurdle Race."

4. That the Entrance Fee for the Gymkhana be \$10.00 per pony for all events.

5. That Messrs. Kruper and Grubb take charge of the Sweeps and Pari-Mutuels.

6. That Mr. Cappelen be re-elected Treasurer.

7. That Messrs. Ralton and Hogg be Joint Secretaries.

8. That Mr. Putnam be re-elected Chairman.

On the 14th. ult. the Chefoo Football Club were defeated by the Temple Hill Anglo-Chinese College on the latter's ground, who won by two goals to nil.

On the 21st. ult. the Chefoo Club defeated the Te Yu Kung Whet's team by two goals to one; and on the 28th. ult. the Club playing against another Chinese team secured a draw, the score being two goals all.

The C.I.M. Boys School being out of quarantine by last Saturday, 4th. inst. they were able to meet the Football Club in one more game before the close of their football season. In spite of the School being without one or two of their best boys they beat the Club by two goals to one after a keenly contested game. The schoolboys are now training for their annual Athletic Sports, which will be taking place in a few weeks time.

The Chefoo Harbour Commission have purchased a Harbour Tug, which has been renamed the Chi Shan So, and which arrived here on the 27th. ult. from Taku.

Twenty two boats of the Japanese Fleet steamed into this Port, on the 31st. ult. and remained here for nearly a week. The squadron included the Flagship "Kirishima," with Admiral Saito on board, the 2nd. class cruiser "Ishazi," twelve first class destroyers, seven submarines and one mother ship. The ships made quite an imposing array by day, and a very pretty sight at night when they had their powerful searchlights sweeping around in full play, as many as nine flashing sometimes at the same time.

The Paper Hunts which were to have taken place on the 22nd and 29th of March both had to be postponed on account of bad weather. However eight turned out last Sunday, 5th inst., and an enjoyable hunt took place. "Survivor" came in first with Mr. Swaney up, while Mr. Kitson on "Boxer" made a good second.

We have had one good rain which was much appreciated by all, especially the farmers, but more is needed.

An unconfirmed report states that the American Asiatic Fleet will be arriving here on or about the 25th May; but there will be more definite news later.

ALLEGED THREATS.

Three Chinese stonecutters were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with demanding \$13 with menaces from Tsang Fu, another stonecutter.

The case for the prosecution was that the complainant, who had only recently arrived from Canton, went to a match at Shamshuipo where he met the three defendants. After assaulting him, they demanded money and forced him to sign a document purporting to be an agreement to repay the sum of \$13 alleged to be owing by the complainant. After being further harassed, the complainant reported the matter to the police, who arrested the men after they had received a marked \$10 note.

The defendants were remanded for further enquiries.

RABIES SCARE.

An order published in the "Strait Settlements Government Gazette," on March 6, 1925, says that as rabies, exists among dogs in Hongkong, the introduction into the Settlement of Singapore of any dogs from this Colony is absolutely prohibited as well as the import of dogs from any part of China unless accompanied by a veterinary certificate of health to the satisfaction of the Government Veterinary Surgeon.

A similar order has been made by the Resident Councillor, Penang.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## VOLLEY BALL.

## "INTERPORT" MATCH TO DAY.

## CANTON VISITORS.

A correspondent informs the "China Mail" that a crack volleyball team from Canton will meet the pick of Hongkong in a match at the Queen's College compound at one o'clock this afternoon.

At the recent provincial games in Canton, Hongkong were defeated. Accordingly, it is not thought that Hongkong will have the honour of providing the China team to do duty at the Manila Olympiad. Nevertheless, says the writer, a good game is assured.

## TENNIS TOURNEY.

Three matches were played in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament yesterday afternoon.

Two were in the second round of the Open Singles championship, M. W. Lo beat A. S. Hett in straight sets, the scores being 6-3, 6-2, 6-3. Lau Fook-ling defeated D. Sudo by 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

In the first round Sudo had won from Green, junior. Lau gave a convincing display yesterday and qualified to meet Captain C. T. O'Callaghan in the third round and the Captain should win.

In the Handicap Singles "A" E. Grimble (rec. 3/6) won his way to the semi-final by defeating T. H. King (rec. 2/6) by 7-5, 6-4.

## YACHTING.

Several yachting races are down for decision to-day. The Heyward Hays class is sailing for the Bellifios trophy. The Gai class will race for the Warren Memorial Cup. The Handicap class and the Gai class will also take part in the race for the Rear Commodore's Cup.

## V.R.C. SPORTS.

Yesterday afternoon some of the heats in the V.R.C. sports were decided and this afternoon the races proper and finals will be run off. H. E. the Governor will give away the prizes.

## ECCENTRIC FINANCIER.

## MAN WHO PAID £6,000 FOR A CARNATION.

Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, the financier, sportsman, and author, one of the most celebrated gamblers in Wall Street according to a New York message, recently died at the age of 68.

Mr. Lawson's career was highly picturesque. He started as an office boy in a stockbroker's house, and at the age of 17 he made £12,000 on railway stocks.

He promptly lost all except £40 which he spent on a dinner party. He made his greatest fortune in the copper market. His eccentricities were famous. Once he visited a florist's shop and asked the price of a carnation. "£6,000," replied the florist.

"I'll take it," said Mr. Lawson, paying the price. "I got at least a million dollars' worth of advertising out of that foul transaction," he said some time afterwards.

He built Dreamworld, a vast estate in Massachusetts on a stony hill, for £400,000.

A yacht, which he had constructed for £50,000 to compete in the Atlantic Cup race he scrapped in a fit of temper.

His superstition was the figure 3. He took an office in 33, State Street, obtained 333 as a telephone number, and always bought stocks in multiples of 3.

After the publication of his book, "Frenzied Finance," his fortune of £10,000,000 dwindled to £10,000. Dreamworld had to be sold, and he sold a motor-car for 500 ciphers.

## CHURCH NOTES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

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SUNDAY, April 19th.

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Morning Subject: "A False Disposition."  
Evening Subject: "A Dangerous Doctrine."  
8 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting at St. John's and Soldiers Home, Arsenal Street.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## "THE FAITHFUL."

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—Whilst some may question the desirability of multiplying the forces in the Colony interested in dramatic art, there should be no qualifying any welcome to the Amateur Dramatic Club which has been formed at the University.

A successful Club needs efficient and enthusiastic leadership and it seems evident that that is the happy position in which the resurrected Club at the University finds itself. We shall be spared much that is shoddy and in time shall begin to look forward to the best that the old school of dramatists have left.

Whether John Masefield's "The Faithful" which the University A.D.C. is to produce, is of sufficient interest and dramatic power to interest Hongkong, remains to be seen. A reading of it suggests a succession of stilted though beautiful phrases, in which the powers of the elocutionist rather than the actor, is called into play. Some plays from reading of them suggest their acting possibilities at once; but I cannot say that this applies to "The Faithful," which deals with the 47 Ronin of Japan, and calls for what may be called scenes of pageantry.

The Colony will await the promised production with considerable interest and I trust the University A.D.C. will be encouraged to persevere in its self-imposed task.

Yours, etc.,  
LOOKER-ON.  
Hongkong, April 17.

PROSPERITY SIGNS.

## BANK CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY.

The "country is adding to its National income at the rate of about £100,000,000 a year, compared with two years ago."

This statement, crystallising the evidence of a revival of prosperity in Great Britain, was made by Mr. J. W. Beaumont Pease, Chairman of Lloyds Bank, in his address to the annual meeting of shareholders.

Mr. Pease based his figure on the fact that 130,000 persons had found work in the past year and 300,000 in the previous year. He also called attention, among other cheering signs, to the fact that the London Bankers' Clearing House disclosed an expansion of £2,600,000,000 in its turnover.

Striking evidence of the revival is also provided by the phenomenal Australian demand for grain-carrying ships. In a recent week fifty ships, with a total cargo capacity of 400,000 tons were chartered at the highest freight rate since 1921.

EVOLUTION.

## WHERE MEN DIFFER FROM MONKEYS.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) proclaimed the triumph of Darwin in an address to the Soho Hill Men's Movement.

It is because the world is now convinced that men are descended from ape-like stock that everywhere men of science are eager, feeling that the gaps which separate humanity from its monkey-like ancestors are being bridged, he said, referring in particular to the discovery of the Taung skull.

Proceeding to discuss the possibility of reconciling modern knowledge with the teachings of Genesis, the bishop could not see any reason why we should not regard evolution as God's process.

He did not propose to answer the question how man, if a descendant of the monkey, could have an immortal soul, while monkeys had not.

Man was man, and not a monkey. Whatever his origin might have been in developing from the ape man, had grown to understand God's ways and to realise something of His purpose.

God had used the whole process of evolution extending over a hundred million years to bring man into existence. Would He then allow the human being to be destroyed?

There was no permanence in this world. The sun would cease to shine. All humanity's achievements and triumphs would be as though they had never been unless they were preserved by human personalities made perfect in the Kingdom of Heaven.

A gang of armed robbers entered the first floor of No. 44, Lyndhurst Terrace, this morning. After intimidating the occupants, they stole clothing and trinkets, the value of which is unknown.

A Chinese was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday after he was knocked down at the junction of Shatin and Lanchow Roads by a motor car driven by Mr. P. C. Felt.

## PIGCEON SHOOTING.

## GAME PROVOKES PROTEST.

"I had thought that the Times and the late H. W. Massingham had between them persuaded the Prince of Monaco to put an end to the filthy game of pigeon shooting two or three years ago, and I never realised quite what a filthy game it was till I saw it," writes an indignant spectator from Monte Carlo to the Evening News.

"This is how it is played. There are five little green boxes standing in an arc in the middle of the lawn, with five little paths running out to them over the green like the spokes of a fan. You hear the click of machinery and one of the boxes collapses flat with the earth. In doing so, it releases an imprisoned pigeon. As the pigeon flutters up into the air, a shot—usually followed by another—is fired, and, if the pigeon is lucky, it is killed outright."

The bird, however, is not always killed outright. Immediately it falls, the dog canter out to retrieve it.

While the dog is engaged on these errands of mercy the attendant runs at top speed to the trap with a new bird in his hand, imprisons it in the box, and runs back as fast as he can to the pavilion again.

"To has no sooner got back than another box collapses with a rattling hit, is not killed outright. It struggles a little way through the air, and in the end falls outside the railings of the lawn on to the rocks or into the sea, where there is no merciful dog to follow it."

Sometimes, when the box-trap collapses, the pigeon is so bewildered that it makes no attempt to fly, but remains standing and looking about it on the top of the trap. When this happens, bulls are bowled at the pigeon over the lawn to scare it into flight. I saw four bulls being bowled at one bird in an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge it. In the end so spiritless a bird was allowed to escape. Sometimes though seldom, the bird does escape, and circles back overland, and you notice as it flies over you that it has no tail. The sportsmen who shoot pigeons require that the bird shall be at the disadvantage not only of having suddenly escaped from the darkness of a collapsible trap, but of having its tail cut off.

"Pigeon-shooting is a faster game than roulette."

"At the end of an hour between 60 and a hundred birds must have been killed, and the lawn was sprinkled with their feathers."

"This continuous rain of dead and dying birds on the grass produces the effect of a massacre."

## VATICAN RIGHTS.

## POPE AND THE CIVIL POWER.

People of all shades of religious opinion will be interested in the rumour that, as the result of a possible concordat between the Italian Government and the Holy See, the Pope may make a tour of the world before long, comments the "Daily News."

Informal relations, it is true, have improved to a remarkable extent since the time when Pius IX. became a voluntary prisoner of the Vatican. The present Pontiff gave evidence of the spirit that would animate his reign when he gave his first blessing to the people assembled in the square of St. Peter's. Members of Mussolini's Government have attended Mass at St. Peter's; there is now an Italian Army Bishop; the translation of the body of Pope Leo XIII. a few months ago, was made through the streets of Rome.

Informal relations, however, are in no way connected with the settlement of a problem involving what both the Government and the Holy See regard as vital principles.

The Popes have always claimed the right to temporal power, because they realised the necessity of being free. As the ruler of an international Church, the Pope will not allow himself to become a national.

Commenting upon the report of a concordat the Universe, the leading Roman Catholic organ in England, says:

"There is not the slightest likelihood of an early settlement of the Roman Question. Improved informal relationships are one thing, but the settlement of a problem involving what both sides look upon as fundamental principles is another."

"As for the tour of the world, it is manifestly the product of some more than usually vivid imagination."

Recent talk of a concordat envisaged the Pope's complete spiritual independence and the recognition as "Pontifical territory" of the Vatican, its environs, and the adjacent estate. The idea was that the Pope should have absolute sovereign rights over a small enclave of territory, including the Vatican and St. Peter's, and that this "temporal power" should be acknowledged by the world.

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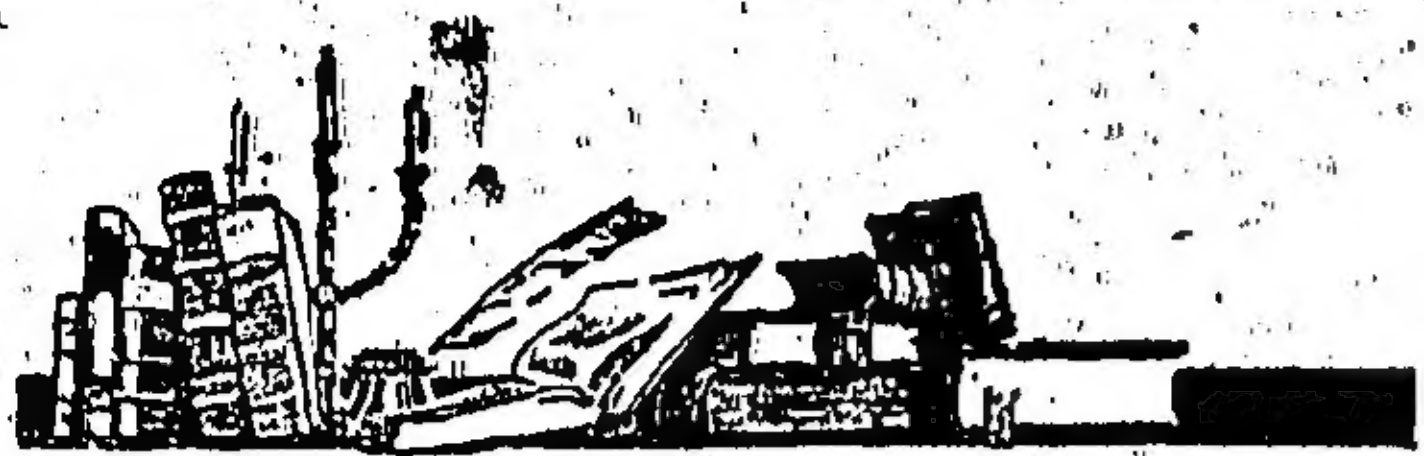
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## BOOKS

### TALES OF HEARSAY.

JOSEPH CONRAD'S LAST BOOK.

(Special Review.)

This posthumous Conrad business is somewhat baffling. First we have Heller rushing in almost before the body is cold and showing us a work on the dissecting table how exactly the work of collaboration is done, who puts in which punctuation marks and whose jokes are which. And now there is this collection of four short stories, with an annoying caustic preface by Mr. Cunningham Graham who likes his idol altergately to the whetstone on the white course of El Ruz and to the constellation Ursa Major. He wisely puts the names of the four stories last in the book. If it be true that "The Black Mate" was written in 1881, it must be fairly clear why Conrad himself did not have it printed. The story is in the W. W. Jacobs vein, but without the Jacobs genius. The mate of a ship keeps his youth by means of a wonderful butler. The quintessential bottle gets smashed in a storm at sea, and the mate trades on the superstition of his skipper by pretending that his sudden greatness is due to a supernatural visitation. Amusing enough, but weak. The way the conversation keeps coming round to ghosts is quite in the Peter Bussot manner, though, as I say, Jacobs would have done it better. To compare this story (as is done in the preface) to the contemporary "Always a Polly," one of Conrad's most characteristic and most arresting tales, is absurd. I must not think that "The Black Mate" must have only accidentally escaped the fate of the dye-bottle, and that the spirit of Conrad's must go hot and cold if he knows of its exhumation.

"The Tale" on the other hand is well-constructed, and, well-told

war story, though perhaps a little more self-conscious than the Conrad that we love. "Sincerity—frankness—passion—three words of your gospel. Don't I know them!" interjects the auditor of the tale, and there can be little doubt that the author is applying them to himself. There could not be a better epitome of the Conrad spirit than this short sentence. "The Tale" bears traces of its war-time composition, notably the assumption that the blockade-running neutral is a person wholly unmercenary and devoid of any honourable motives. But the atmosphere is wonderful and the telling skilful. What could be better than the description of the "robust Northman, bearded, and in the force of his age" who thrusts his hands into the pockets of his short leather jacket "as though afraid of them being seized either in friendship or hostility?" Curiously enough that delightful expression "in the force of his age" appears also in the 1881 "Black Mate." Can any Conradian say whether it lay fallow all those years?

The remaining two stories in the book are Polish. "Prince Roman" is apparently largely autobiographical, set in a Slavonic way, but a good enough tale with graphic touches. "The Warrior's Soul" on the other hand strikes me as melodramatic and feeble. When our predatory enthusiast says "nothing that I know of in any of his shorter stories equals the dramatic ending of 'The Warrior's Soul'" this is enough to place him as a critic. And to talk of it as a "swan song" in the same breath as "The Rover" is absurd. If one were asked in a General Knowledge paper to guess the author of the following sentence: "He was perhaps a well-meaning chap, but not so nice as he might have been, and he was less rough in manner and less crude in his perceptions," I think the betting would be about equal on Nat Gould

### LURE OF THE UNKNOWN.

#### A NEW ADVENTURE BOOK.

The jungle and the forest exercise as great a sway over the imagination of the reader in a well told story as one is led to believe they do over the explorers who are urged on to probe their depths. Particularly is this so when the plot of the story hangs upon some hazardous quest and when the descriptive power of the author is such as to enable him to present the adventures to the reader as living characters whose feelings and experiences it is possible to enter and share.

Such a book is "Tiger River," a tale of the adventures of gold seekers in the wilds of the Andes in the following of which to a successful conclusion the reader is introduced to the Jeveros, who shrink before the size of an orange in order that they may the more conveniently adorn their persons with Indian relics of the Spanish Inquisition, and Almagroes who work slaves to death in gold mines the treasures of which have lured many white men to their doom.

It may be predicted with confidence that this book will take its place among the foremost of its kind; it is worthy of Rider Haggard at his best.

—E. R. P.

"The Tiger River," by Arthur O. Friel: John Long Ltd., Norris Street, Haymarket, London—7/6d.

and Sexton Blake. As an exercise in criticism let anyone compare that sentence with the surft-hunder of the opening sentences of "The Rover."

I suggest that the living Conrad was the best judge of what deserved publication, and to use his great name as an excuse for foisting on a public which loves to take its literary opinions pre-digested, these tales which he apparently prepared to leave in manuscript seems to me a desecration. The best that can be hoped is that they will not turn anyone against the Nigger of the Narcissus and the Chinese coolies in the typhoon and the German hotel-keepers and the handsome Malays and the hard-bitten French seafarers, and the equatorial smells of Sumatra and all the other persons, places and things that are so deserving of devotion.

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[Tales of Hearsay, Joseph Conrad, T. Fisher Unwin, 6/-]

### "CREEPY" STORIES.

#### NEW BOOK OF PSYCHIC EXPERIENCE.

##### PHANTOMS OF THE DAWN.

Psychic phenomena of many kinds are dealt with in this latest novel from the pen of the writer of "Ghosts I have Seen" and although it would appear from the preface and those chapters in which the authoress passes from the description of specific instances to generalities that her intention in writing the book was to reassure the public, some readers may feel they have grounds for alleging that she has distinct leanings towards sensationalism herself.

The grey lady and the headless man may have got tired of their age-long perambulations, as claimed by Mrs. Tweedale, but it is extremely doubtful whether the public will be willing to concede their supersession by such fearful apparitions as she more than hints at the existence of; the wraiths and bogeys one is led to believe are out of date would be infinitely less disagreeable to meet on the stairs than the "astral nothings" to which the reader is introduced.

As to the purpose of the book, if the writer is sincere in her claim that it is to instil into the readers' minds the beauties of spiritualism why does she get out of her way to drag in gruesome stories like that of the circumstances attending the abduction of the twenty-fifth Earl of Crawford and eighth Earl of Balcarres from the family vault at Dunsheath, Aberdeenshire?

Mrs. Tweedale, as the representative of the Society for Psychic Research in South Devon, is the repository of all the extraordinary personal experiences that take place there. She gives instances of the "queer things that happen to the most unlikely persons" and considers them milestones in the spiritual development of all who experience them "more than hinting at a divinity which shapes our ends." She is more convincing in her description of these than when she pulls out the "horrible" stop, enters the arena of politics or gives vent to her passionate anti-vivisection sentiment.

There is much readable in the book, not the least interesting being the preface contributed by

### NOVELS OF THE SUSSEX WEALD.

To the company of Hardy, Galsworthy, and Maurice Hewlett must be added Sheila Kaye-Smith. What they have done for the rural folk of Dorset, Devon, and Wiltshire, she has done for the farming folk of Sussex.

I will gather and carefully make my friends Of the men of the Sussex Weald;

In a series of novels which began in 1908, and now numbers twelve volumes, Miss Kaye-Smith has portrayed the Sussex folk of the past and the present. The inspiration of locality provides the stimulus for her work; and while the majority of her contemporaries depend upon instinct and emotion, she depends upon close study and observation.

She has made the county of Sussex what Thomas Hardy made of the kingdom of Wessex—a special preserve which she has cultivated with great skill and assiduity. She has, in common with Hardy, that imaginative sympathy which finds kinship with primitive man. Her yeomen and her peasants are simple and unspoiled, not yet caught in that cosmic whirl which is called progress. They are simple in nature and monotonous in speech. Miss Kaye-Smith is criticized sometimes for a perhaps too faithful reproduction of that monotonous speech; but that speech is an essential part of her people, and without it her people could never be faithfully presented. Her realism is that of temperamental affinity presented with romantic glamour. Irish novelists could have no better model than Sheila Kaye-Smith. The Irish farmer still awaits the writer who will present him, and make him vocal, to the world. The Sussex folk were silent and unknown until Miss Kaye-Smith began to interpret them. Now the reading public knows them intimately.—Andrew F. Malone, in The Irish Statesman.

Sir A. Conan Doyle, but a mistake has been made in attempting to give the reader more excitement than it is possible for him to assimilate in the time taken to scan its pages.

—E. R. P.

["Phantoms of the Dawn," Violet Tweedale, John Long, Ltd., Norris Street, London—7s. 6d.]

### MY PILGRIMAGE.

#### SOME GOOD STORIES.

Judge Webb was much worried by a persistent solicitor whose hair was streaked with grey. On one occasion the Court was wholly against him when he was first heard; notwithstanding a severe rebuke, he persisted in repeating himself for a second, and then a third time. When he sat down at last, the Judge merely quoted the line, "Thrice the brinded cat hath mewed!"

After I had learned the difficult art of holding my tongue on the Bench, I was trying an Admiralty case. One of the ship's officers, who had been long under examination, was leaving the Court when he met his mate going in. "How did you get on?" said his friend. "Very well!" was the reply. "What is the Old Benk saying about the case?" "He is sitting up there like a blinking idol, and not letting a word out of him."

A Judge is often put in a difficult position when he is obliged to ascertain if a young witness realises the nature of an oath. A little girl was asked the usual question: did she know what would happen to her if she swore what was untrue?—and answered thus: "Yes, me Lord, I would not be given any witnesses' expenses."

I was one morning reading a book in bed in an hotel, where all the rooms were exactly similar in every respect. Suddenly the door of my room opened, and a majestic lady, clad in a dressing-gown, and carrying a sponge, entered, evidently returning from her bath, walked over to the looking-glass opposite the door, and began the contemplation of her perfections. Fearing to cough, or make any noise whatever, I remained motionless, waiting for the time when her gaze would turn to the bed behind the door, and its unhappy occupant. At last this happened, and, anticipating a shriek, without lifting my eyes from the book, I quietly said: "Will you please bring my tea, and bread-and-butter, at once." Supposing I had mistaken her for the housemaid, she was able to make a dignified and orderly retreat without speaking.

Dr. Salmon, Provost of Trinity College, was the most absent-minded of men; it is said that on one occasion he put on an unwelcome pair of trousers, neglecting those that had been left out for him. His valet was heard rushing to the hall-door, shouting: "Stop him, stop him! The Doctor has gone out without his trousers!"

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"From the Macmillan sales it is interesting to judge the order of popularity of Mr. Kipling's stories. The *Jungle Book* comes an easy first, though the second volume is some way behind. *Kim* follows the first *Jungle Book*, with *Just So Stories* a very close third. *The Day's Work* is fourth, *The Light that Failed* fifth, and the second *Jungle Book* follows close upon its heels, though rivalled by *Plain Tales from the Hills*. The next in order are *Stalky and Co.*, *Puck of Pook's Hill*, *Life's Handicap*, *Many Inventions*, *Rewards and Fairies*, *Soldiers Three* and other stories, and *Captains Courageous*."

stop him! The Doctor has gone out without his trousers!"

Dr. Mahaffy was a great wit and a brilliant talker. When, at an entrance examination, after examining a candidate in Greek, he asked him what he was to put down as to his religious denomination. "Agnostic!" was the reply. "Well, you certainly are an agnostic in Greek," said the Professor.

Once, Father Healy had a little quarrel with Judge Keogh, who said: "I have a crow to pluck with you!" "Make it a turkey!" said Father Healy, "and I'll be with you for seven o'clock dinner." The Judge (mollified): "Well, all the same, I have a crow to pluck with you." The Priest: "Then it must be a crow without *caus*!"

On one occasion, before a Judge who shall be nameless, a Counsel who had long struggled against adverse interruption from the Court, exclaimed finally: "If your Lordship refuses to give us any remedy, you leave us unprotected as between the Crown and the Lord of the Manor, that is, between the deep sea and the Devil." The Judge, unperturbed, replied: "I have no hesitation in directing you to go to the latter alternative, and with costs."

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### "THE REJECTED WOMAN."

Seldom has it been our pleasure to see such a masterful drama of modern life so deftly written and so beautifully produced as "The Rejected Woman," which will be shown at the World Theatre, tomorrow, with Alma Rubens and Conrad Nagel starring together for the first time.

Here is a superb romance starting in a small Canadian village, achieving its climax amid the gaieties of New York and unfolding its happy ending in the small town home of the heroine. With underlying seriousness of motive, with many truly emotional scenes, John Lynch, the author, and Albert Parker the director, have nevertheless managed to invest this production with all of the gaiety and beauty of modern life. "The Rejected Woman" is the latest feature of the Distinctive Pictures Corporation.

Alma Rubens takes the part of a beautiful, imaginative girl, Diane DuPrez, Nagel takes the rôle of John Leslie, one of those wayward sons of fabulously rich fathers. Meeting John in romantic circumstances in her northern village, Diane follows him to New York, anticipating that there their romance will be renewed. But she discovers that John has almost forgotten her and has plunged once more into the brilliant restaurant and night club life to which he is accustomed. There he plays with gorgeously gowned society women and dancing girls, and Diane realizes, after one crushing humiliation in Sherry's restaurant, that she too must have finery and culture if she is to have the love which is essential to her very being. She gets this finery and this culture and she wins and marries John—but at what a price! We must not reveal here the pitfall into which the girl steps or of how the author works out her salvation, but suffice it to say that in this picture we have a real photoplay.

Miss Rubens makes of Diane DuPrez a never-to-be-forgotten character of a suffering woman whose eventual happiness is all the sweeter for what she has experienced. Conrad Nagel has never had such a part in all of his picture plays. Wyndham Standing as the

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man who viciously contrives to give Diane what she wants, and Leonora Hughes, the beautiful dancer, are beyond compare in their parts. The rest of the cast, consisting of George MacQuarrie, Bela Lugosi, Antonio D'Algy, Mme. LeViolette, Aubrey Smith and Fred Burton were carefully chosen; one of the unique features of the picture is a group of New York society men and women who

participated in the scenes taken in actuality amid the luxurious surroundings of Sherry's Park Avenue restaurant, the Ambassador Hotel and the Steamship "Paris."

These sets which were built in the studio are in keeping with the luxurious establishments placed at the disposal of the makers of "The Rejected Woman." Clark Robinson, well-known for his work

in the Music Box and at the Capitol Theatre, New York, designed them. The gowns of the women—and they are as luxurious as we have seen in any production recently—were done by Adrian, costume designer for the Music Box.

In keeping with the modern atmosphere of this picture the producers have injected the use of radio, an aeroplane and ski-

jumping to further the dramatic action. In the early portions of the picture Miss Rubens and Nagel are trapped in a northern blizzard which is one of the most spectacularly effective scenes we have witnessed in a long time.

"All in all," "The Rejected Woman" is one of the most entertaining, dramatically satisfying and beautifully done pictures of the current season.

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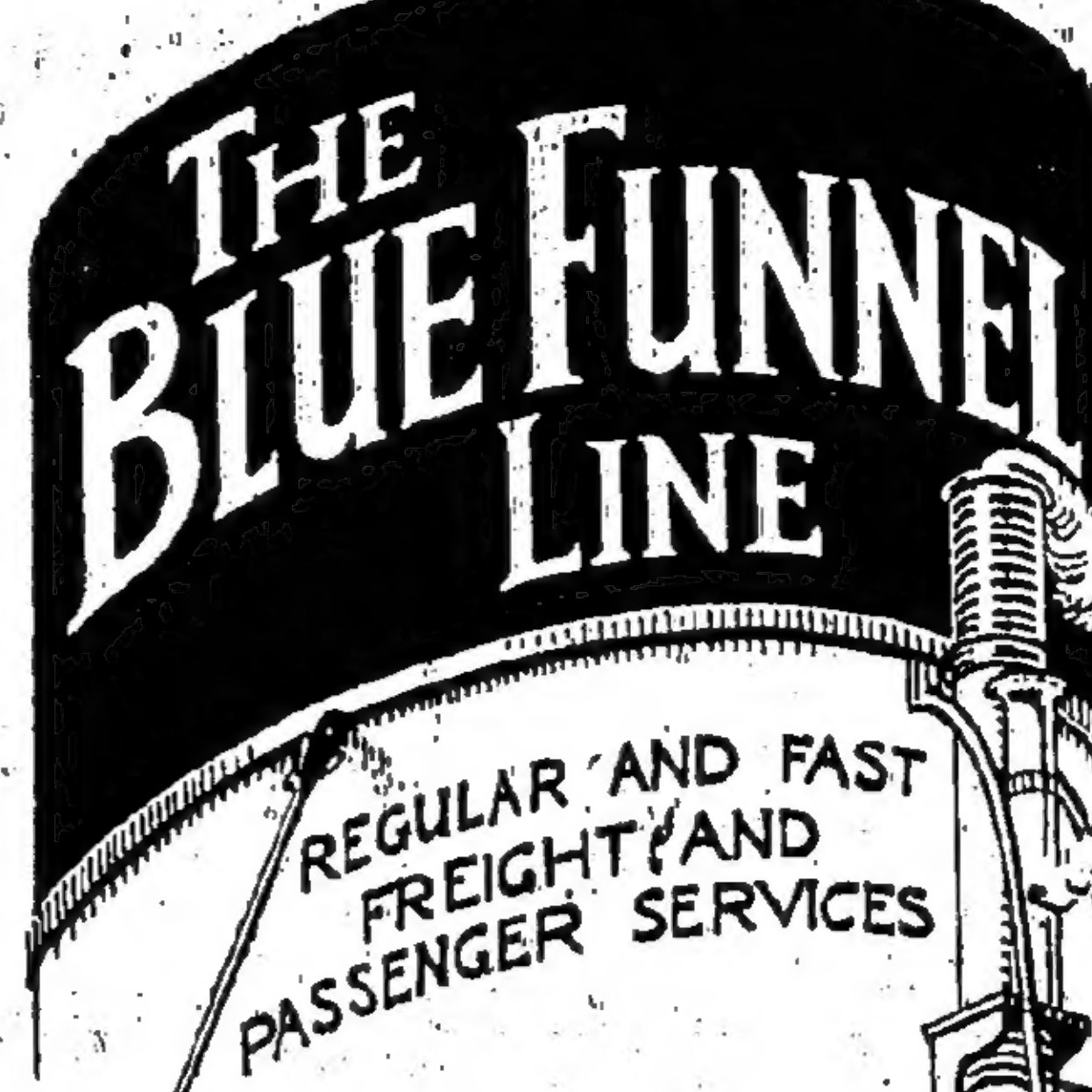
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April 18.—World Theatre, "Little Johnny Jones."  
April 18.—Queen's Theatre, "Camille."  
April 18.—Star Theatre, the Florida Vaudeville Company.  
April 20.—Annual reunion dinner of all ranks in Volunteer Headquarters.  
April 21.—Eleventh annual dinner of the Hongkong University Medical Society, in the Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.  
April 23.—Luncheon at Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden, for members of St. George's Society, 1.15 p.m.  
April 23.—Honourable Artillery Co., dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.  
SPORTS.  
April 18.—V.R.C. Sports, Club ground, Happy Valley, commencing at noon.  
April 19.—Sacred Heart School sports at the Hongkong Football Club's ground, Happy Valley, 11 a.m.  
April 20.—Hongkong Schools' Sports at Happy Valley.  
April 22.—University Annual Athletic sports, University Ground, Pokfulam, 2 p.m.  
April 29.—First bi-annual race for the "Trevossa" Trophy, 4 p.m.  
May 2.—Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 3 p.m.  
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PUBLIC AUCTION.  
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April 29.—Third yearly meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Royal Building, Ice House Street, noon.  
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April 19.—Inauguration ceremony of the 14th and 15th Hongkong Troop of Boy Scouts of the South China Athletic Association at Sookumpoo Ground, 2 p.m.  
April 20.—Drawing for the Redemption of twenty debentures in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, 6 p.m.



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Shanghai and Weihaiwei	.....	5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America, & EUROPE via VICTORIA R.C.	.....	5 p.m.
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## STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B.F. s.s. "Helena" for Boston, New York and Baltimore left Shanghai on Apr. 15 for this port and is due here to-day. The vessel will be despatched at daylight to-morrow.  
The P.L. s.s. "Siberian Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai yesterday and is expected to arrive here on Apr. 20.  
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakozaki Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Mar. 14 and is expected here on Apr. 21.  
The B.F. s.s. "Lycaon" for Marseilles, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Apr. 16 for this port and is due to-day. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Apr. 18.  
The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 10.10 a.m. left Nagasaki yesterday at 7 p.m. and is due at Shanghai to-morrow at 8 a.m. She leaves Shanghai on Apr. 20 at 7 a.m.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Apr. 10 at 10 p.m. left Yokohama on Apr. 11 at 5 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Apr. 20.  
The B.F. s.s. "Philoctetes" for Port of Spain will sail here at noon on Apr. 22.  
The P.F. s.s. "Diomed" left Liverpool on Mar. 21 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Apr. 27.  
The D.S.L. s.s. "President Harrison" which is due at this port on April 17, sailed from New York on March 20 on schedule.  
The B.F. s.s. "Automedon" left Liverpool on Mar. 18 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Apr. 20.  
The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" which is due at this port on Apr. 20, sailed from Seattle on Apr. 9 on schedule.  
The B.F. s.s. "Nelson" left Liverpool on Mar. 18 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about May 2.